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## SBC Leaders Map Future Evangelistic Plans

### The \$64,000 Question

By PORTER ROUTH  
Executive Secretary, SBC  
Executive Committee

There are many people who are in a position every day to obtain \$64,000 just by giving an answer to a very simple question:

To steal or not to steal?

To lie or not to lie?

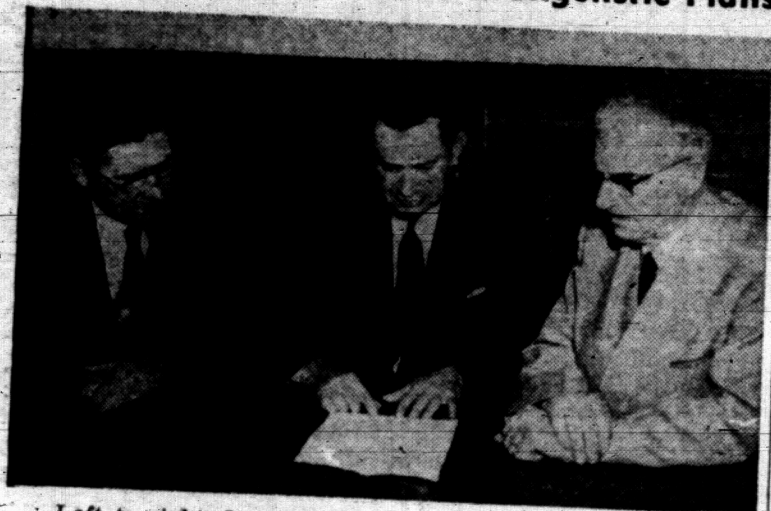
To be honest or dishonest?

The answer may deal with the change received at the grocery store, or the amount spent for lunch money at school.

The answer might involve a house allowance.

The answer might become involved in the arithmetic of an expense account, or a daily sales report.

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Left to right: Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Courts Redford, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, and C. C. Warren, president, Southern Baptist Convention, map out evangelistic plans for the future.

As state evangelistic conferences meeting in January and February point out the local and state-wide significance of evangelism, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, C. C. Warren, has acclaimed the leadership of the newly elected secretary of evangelism, Leonard Sanderson.

Warren said, "I rejoice greatly in the selection of Dr. Leonard Sanderson to lead Southern Baptists in the field of evangelism. He will not only carry on a great way the wonderful work begun by Dr. Matthews, but I believe he is one of God's chosen."

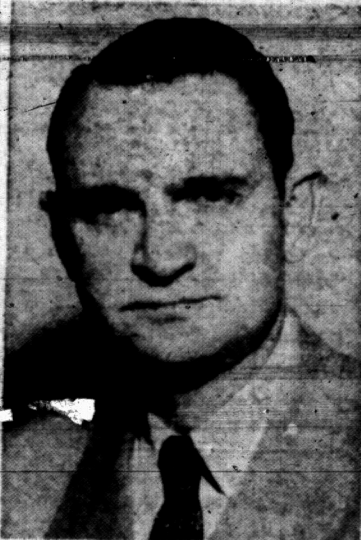
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## Earl Guinn To Speak At Kick-Off Luncheon For Education Campaign

Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, will be the inspirational speaker for a kick-off luncheon for the Baptist Education Building Fund Campaign, to be held at First Church, Jackson, Jan. 26 at 12 noon.

Presiding will be Owen Cooper Yazoo City, president of the State Convention, who will review the purpose of the campaign, authorized by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November.

300 campaign workers from every section of the state are expected to attend the rally.



Dr. G. Earl Guinn

which will launch the campaign.

Outlining general plans will be Thomas B. Chaney, Jackson, Campaign director.

The campaign is designed to raise \$2,500,000 over the next five years for immediate building needs of the Christian education institutions of the convention.

Approximately one-half is to be derived through the Capital Needs budget of the Cooperative Campaign.

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## Jordan Missionaries Safe; Ajloun Hospital Continues Its Operations

Editor's Note: Last week news reports indicated heavy damage to the Southern Baptist Hospital at Ajloun, Jordan. The report printed below from Dr. Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board,

indicates that the damage is not as bad as first reports indicated.

All Southern Baptist missionaries in Jordan are safe and the Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, continues to operate, according to information which Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has received from the State Department.

Dr. Cauthen cabled the American Embassy in Amman as soon as word reached Richmond that the hospital had been looted and that four Americans had been taken to Amman by Arab Legion troops. The Embassy replied through the State Department.

The communication gave the following information: Rioters from near-by villages attacked the hospital Thursday morning, January 12; but they were restrained before the hospital sustained severe damage. Three buildings were impaired: a dormitory, the dispensary, and the school.

All hospital personnel are safe and the hospital is continuing its work. Southern Baptist missionaries in Ajloun at the time of the attack were Dr. and Mrs. L. August Lovegren and Miss Violet Popp.

Miss Anna Cowan, missionary who also serves in Ajloun, was in Beirut, Lebanon, on Thursday; and Dr. and Mrs. Lorne E. Brown, who are also assigned to the hospital in Ajloun, are now in Beirut where they are taking a refresher course in the Arabic language following furlough in the States. Miss Annie Hagstrom, a Swedish nurse employed by the Near East Baptist Mission, was also in Beirut at the time of the attack.

Dr. and Mrs. Levi A. Lovegren, parents of Dr. August Lovegren, were in Ajloun when the hospital was stormed. They are missionaries of the Conservative Baptist Association. Dr. Levi Lovegren was recently liberated from Red China and he and Mrs. Lovegren had stopped for a visit with their son before returning to the States. They went into Amman following the attack on the hospital.

## Evangelistic Meet Speaker



Dr. Leonard Sanderson

Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, the new secretary of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, will be one of the featured speakers at the Evangelistic Conference in Tupelo Feb. 13-14.

—BR—

## 500 Expected At Evangelistic Meet

Up to 500 pastors and other church and associational leaders from every section of the state are expected to attend the annual State Evangelistic Conference which has been set for Harrisburg Church, Tupelo Feb. 13-14.

Appearing for the first time in Mississippi will be Dr. Leonard Sanderson, the new secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, Dallas.

Dr. Sanderson will speak twice, using as his subjects "The Message of Evangelism" and "Southern Baptists Evangelizing."

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## Dr. Quarles To Address Church Leaders Institute

State College — A three-day Institute for Town and Country Church Leaders is scheduled to be held in the Alumni-Student Building at Mississippi State College January 23-26, according to Dorris W. Rivers of State College, assistant professor of sociology and rural life.

The institute will be jointly sponsored by the State College Department of Sociology and Rural Life and the Mississippi Christian Community Fellowship. Among the off-campus speakers scheduled are Dr. Chester Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and the Rev. Glenn S. Gethard, of the

General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Department of General Church School Work.

Three courses dealing with church and community programs and plans will be given, as well as some special programs planned for the evening sessions. A fellowship dinner recognition program will be held on Wednesday evening, January 25. Dr. Ben Hilbun, president of Mississippi State College, will serve as master of ceremonies for this dinner.

Further information on the institute may be secured from the Department of Sociology and Rural Life, State College, Miss.



**SBC Leaders . . .**

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en to spearhead a great evangelistic endeavor throughout America as a vital part of our contemplated celebration of the Sesqui-centennial of the Triennial Convention."

Sanderson, formerly secretary of evangelism in Tennessee, on January 1 accepted the responsibilities of secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He succeeds C. E. Matthews, who pioneered in the use of the church-centered and simultaneous evangelistic program, now the official evangelistic program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

State evangelistic meetings are being held throughout January and February in the various states of the Convention. The Mississippi conference is February 13-15.

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**The \$64,000 . . .**

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The answer might involve a figure on a tax return.

Recently, the treasurer of a small church in an eastern city shared with me his disturbed mind over the fact that some of those who indicated they planned to tithe were lying when they marked their card. He felt, with some reason, that the decision to lie was much worse than the decision not to tithe would have been — especially, since it did not seem to be in good faith.

The white lie has seemingly become so much a part of daily living that it has gotten dirty, and has almost turned black.

The decision to be honest, to be truthful on every occasion is a significant decision. It will bring far greater riches than any \$64,000.

The Bible has a great deal to say about letting the words of our mouth be acceptable in God's sight. "Thou shalt not bear false witness," is one of the 10 Commandments. Jesus certainly believed and taught honesty and truthfulness.

This Crusade for Christian Morality should give all of us an opportunity to re-examine our decisions.

—BR—

**Earl Guinn To . . .**

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tive Program with the other one-half to be solicited from a selected list of 3000 Baptists who are able to make such contributions over and above their regular church gifts.

The \$2,500,000 will be allocated as follows: Mississippi College, \$990,000; William Carey College, \$550,000; Blue Mountain College, \$310,000; Clarke College, \$310,000; Kittiwake Baptist Assembly, \$250,000 and Student Center at Mississippi State College, \$90,000.

Those to attend the rally will be county and district workers,

It was \$33,170, not \$133,170. The printer added the figure 1 and thus increased the amount by \$100,000. We refer to the editorial in last week's issue concerning the amount for W. M. U. Administration. One figure makes a lot of difference.

**Noxubee Asso. Ups Lottie Moon Offering By 300 Per Cent**

At the October meeting of the Noxubee County Baptist Association, a resolution was adopted which requested every church in the Association to make the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions church-wide and the pastors were urged to promote the offering from the pulpit. The churches responded by giving an average of \$2.58 for each resident member.

The churches leading in per capita giving (based on total resident church membership) were Macon, First \$5.48, Deerbroke 3.77, Shuqualak 3.10 and Concord 3.07. Pastors of the above-named churches are Ivor L. Clark, John Atchley, John Hemphill and Lee Hudson.

During 1956, Cooperative Program gifts will show approximately three hundred percent increase over any previous year in the history of the Association.

In addition to this, one church in the Association is paying the salary of a missionary on a foreign field.

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**500 Expected At . . .**

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He was formerly secretary of evangelism and promotion for the Tennessee Convention and succeeds Dr. C. E. Matthews, retired.

The conference will begin Monday afternoon at 1:50 and adjourn at 9:15 P. M. Tuesday.

Pastors, Associational Missionaries, educational workers, Music leaders and other church and associational workers from every section of the state are expected to attend.

President over the sessions will be the members of the Convention Board committee on evangelism. They are:

Rev. O. B. Robertson, Raleigh; Rev. Clifton Perkins, West Point; Rev. Otis Seal, Itta Bena and Dr. W. P. Davis, Flora.

heads of the institutions to benefit from the campaign and State Convention Board Members.

Assisting Mr. Cooper and Mr. Chaney in plans will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention Board.

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**THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.**

**Starkville, First, Begins New Educational Building**

First Church, Starkville broke ground for a new Educational Building, Sunday, December 11, 1955. The building is to be a three floor structure, all brick, concrete and steel. The total building will contain air conditioning. The contract price is \$180,686.

The building is to be named, Ray Memorial, in honor of Dr.

J. D. Ray who served as pastor of the church for more than thirty years. Pictured with the pastor and committee is Mrs. J. D. Ray, wife of Dr. Ray in whose memory the building is to be named.

Pictured at the ground breaking ceremonies are the building committee and Minister of Music and Education. Left to

right: Dr. Frank Jenkins; Maurice Kennedy; Dr. C. Dale Hoover; P. D. Lee; H. K. Williford, Chairman of the committee; Robert F. Taylor, Minister of Music and Education; Pastor, Rev. D. C. Applegate, turning the shovel of dirt; and Mrs. J. D. Ray.

The building is to be complete in the late fall. (Photo by Lamar Collins.)

**February 24-25 Is Missions Conf. Date At N. O. Seminary**

The second annual Student Mission Conference will be held at New Orleans Seminary on February 24 and 25. The initial conference, held in February of 1955, was attended by approximately 300 students from all parts of SBC territory. The Department of Missions sponsors the conference.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary, Elmer S. West, Jr., Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Foreign Mission Board, and the latter's associate, Bill Cody, will bring messages. Others on the program include missionaries Ruben Franks (Chile), Miss Martha Knox (Japan), Miss Bonnie Moore (Nigeria), and Dr. J. T. Gillespie of the Home Mission Board staff.

The over-all purpose of the conference is to guide missionary students in the selection of pre-seminary courses which will enable them to derive maximum benefit from later seminary work. Information from the mission boards will acquaint the students with methods and opportunities to be found on Southern Baptist mission fields at home and abroad. Also included are facts regarding appointment as missionaries.

Ministerial and missionary students from all parts of the country in which Southern Baptists labor will be welcome to attend. A registration fee of one dollar should be sent to

Miss Helen Falls, Associate Professor of Missions, 3939 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans 22, Louisiana. Miss Falls will be glad to answer any letter of inquiry concerning details of this student missions conference.

—BR—

The January 5 issue of the Baptist Record stated that Rev. H. A. Burdine was pastor of Old Mt. Pisgah Church. That is incorrect. Rev. Hansel Woods is the pastor.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)**—Miss Louise Girling, of Holmesville, Miss., has been named assistant editor of the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. A former employee of the Board, Miss Girling resigned in 1954 to attend Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., working toward a Masters degree in journalism.

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## Another Convention Name To Be Or Not To Be

In previous issues we have discussed the question of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. Several names have been suggested. In our opinion none of them are any better, if as good, as our present name.

Mr. Theo Sommerkamp, Baptist Press Staff writer, has been studying the pros and cons of the question. Below we give a summary of his findings.

Do you want the Southern Baptist Convention to keep its name or to change it?

This is a lively question among 8 million Southern Baptists, although it has never assumed major proportions. Discussion recurs regularly, but never has become heated.

Why such a question? you may ask. The chance of going by another name some day may never have occurred to you. But it has occurred to many. Free with their expressions, they have argued strongly both for and against a change.

To inform you on the issue, the Baptist Press contacted editors of state Baptist newspapers.

What arguments are made for a change? These: "Southern" is geographical. It localizes the Southern Baptist Convention which now works far outside the traditional South. The term "Southern" doesn't register well with prospective Southern Baptists outside the South. Northern Baptists became American Baptists without serious repercussions; why can't we change just as easily? It's going to change some day regardless.

What would be the "new" name? Most often mentioned is Cooperative Baptists. Also: International Baptists, Universal Baptists, United States Baptists.

### Appropriate Replacements

Why would they like to keep the name now used? It has world-wide recognition after over 100 years in use. It stands for doctrinal beliefs in Christian living more than for some section geographically. It would be a loss to change. What better name is there? Names suggested to replace it aren't appropriate; those which would be

appropriate are already being used.

The editors' statements are revealing. They are 2-to-1 for staying put. (Against change: 12. For change: 6. No opinion: 1.)

Here are some quotes from them: S. H. Jones, Baptist Courier, South Carolina — "No change in name is necessary or desirable. No adequate reason for a change has been offered and no satisfactory name has been suggested by those who advocate a change."

John Hurt, Jr., Christian Index, Georgia — "One of these days the Southern Baptist Convention will get around to changing its name but not at any early date."

### Used to be 'Southern'

Hoyt S. Gibson, Baptist Digest, Kansas — "It is not apparent that we would have a better reception with another name. For an entire generation we would be answering a routine question with, 'Yes, we used to be known as Southern Baptists.' The best alternative he's heard is Cooperative."

C. E. Boyle, Pacific Coast Baptist, Oregon-Washington — "I have no personal reason for changing the name. I feel no apology for using it. 'Southern' is rapidly coming to take on a meaning apart from sectionalism in our area."

George Fletcher, Baptist Messenger, Ohio — "Serving where the name 'Southern' creates problems, I have a very deep conviction the name should be changed, and quickly." He suggests Cooperative.

Leon Macon, Alabama Baptist — "We feel it would be helpful to assume some name that would better describe our geographical implications."

L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder, North Carolina — "Let's hold to the same good old name! Approximately 98 per cent of Southern Baptists live in the 17 traditional Southern states and District of Columbia. Therefore, the name 'Southern Baptist' fits us at least 98 per cent."

Finley Tinnin, Baptist Message, Louisiana — "Only a negligible number of our people have ever seriously thought of changing the name."

## Make Your Will Now

Recently, in an adjoining state, a man and his wife were killed instantly in an automobile accident. Their only son had been killed in World War II. The man had made no will; therefore, his home and his property, both of considerable value, had to be sold, with the proceeds being divided among 10 or 12 brothers and sisters.

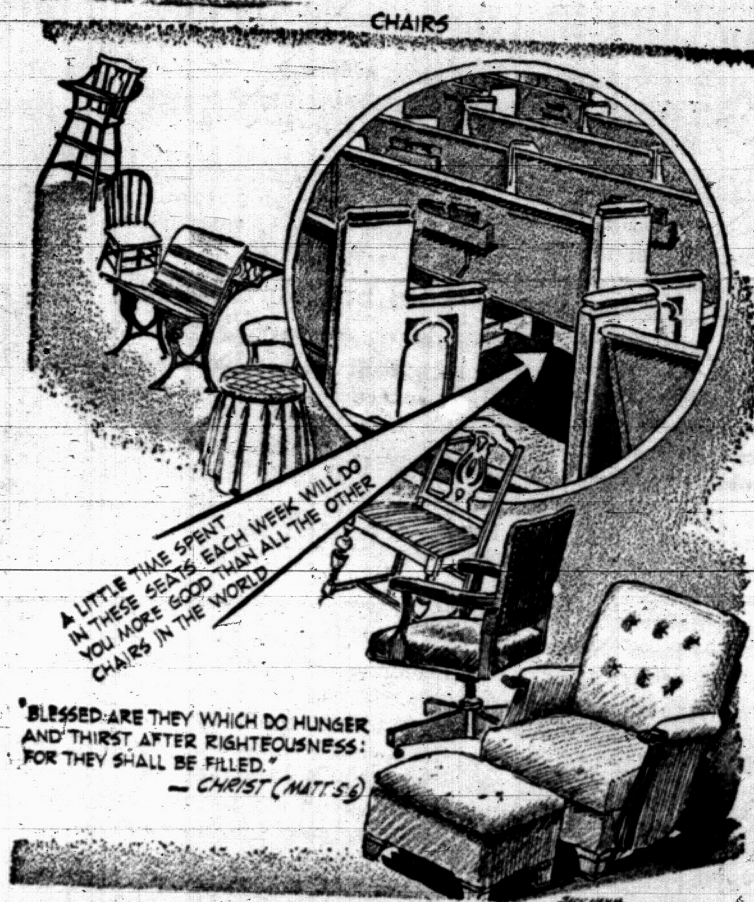
Both the man and his wife were active in the Baptist church. No doubt they had thought many times of making a will, leaving a portion of their property for use by the church or by some of its institutions and agencies. But they kept putting it off. The property divided among so many left only a small portion to each. Had a will been made a much larger portion than any of the heirs received would probably have been given

to their church and to benevolent causes.

To many people put off making their wills. Provide for your wealth to be put to use in kingdom service after your death. If you have wealth, surely God is the giver of that wealth. He deserves consideration when you make your will.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourself treasures in heaven, where neither moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matthew 6: 19-20).

Do not wait too long. Write Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Bap-



tist Foundation, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. He will immediately take steps to assist you.

## He Needs More Of It

According to a recent Religious News Service news article a prisoner in the Seattle, Washington jail by the name of Harvey Rhea, contends that he was part of a "captive audience" to the singing and praying conducted in the hallway of the jail and therefore his constitutional rights were violated.

Rhea's complaint was not against church groups holding services in the jail chapel, but only against services held in the hallway.

Perhaps if Mr. Rhea had heard and heeded more preaching in the years gone by he would not now be a prisoner in the King County jail.

—BR—

## Our Readers Write

"BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS"

Dear Fellow Pastor:

One of our fellow pastors has had an unfortunate calamity. R. L. Jordan, the pastor at Lake, Mississippi, lost all his belongings when fire consumed the parsonage at Lake December 26th.

I believe each pastor in the state would help tremendously if we would send to him just one dollar apiece. Will you send yours now?

Sincerely,

R. T. B. Leavell

Newton, Mississippi

### UNFAIR PICTURE

Dear Editor:

I think that Baptists and Protestants have a right to feel a sense of outrage at the way Protestantism is being subtly attacked by the motion picture industry.

The latest indignity is the motion

picture entitled, "The Night of the Hunter." This picture features Robert Mitchum as a Protestant minister who goes about killing people to get money for his evangelistic work. Mitchum will be remembered as the man who was in court, and I think served a jail sentence on a narcotics charge.

And this is not the first time that Protestant preachers have been pictured in compromising roles and depicted as being either a moron or a criminal. I do not recall ever having seen a Catholic priest so depicted.

I know that not all preachers are perfect, but there are also a few imperfect laymen, and we should try to boost our preachers, not degrade them.

If enough people will shun the "The Night of the Hunter" it may make some slight impression on the movie industry.

A reader

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## Woman Splits Massachusetts Society With Strange New Religious Doctrine

(17th Century Baptist Press)

BOSTON, Mass., May, 1637  
—(BP)—Massachusetts church, civic, and social life is split wide open into two highly inflammable groups today. And to find the cause for all the trouble, one has simply to follow an old maxim of detection—"Cherchez la femme!"

The woman in this case is not hard to find, however. Mrs. Anne Hutchinson, the "eye" in this storm of controversy, is very much evidence today in Massachusetts. But the issue involved is neither romance nor politics, but religion.

Mrs. Hutchinson is a woman of culture and remarkable ability. In England she was a member of the influential St. Botolph's Church of England at Boston in Lincolnshire, where John Cotton was pastor for many years.

Cotton, of course, left the Church of England four years ago and fled to America where he has been one of the most influential men of New England in both civic affairs and the Puritan church. Mrs. Hutchinson followed the example of Cotton, whom she has described as "my favorite preacher," in leaving the Church of England and coming to America.

Once in this country, Mrs. Hutchinson immediately became a leader in church affairs. A group of women met regularly in her home to discuss religious doctrines. And there the trouble began.

Under Mrs. Hutchinson's leadership, there arose in New

England a new doctrine of redemption. The sect has cast aside the belief in salvation by works which the authorized church has endorsed for centuries. Called the Antinomians, meaning against legalism, members believe that salvation is evidenced only by possession of the Holy Spirit. Contrary to the strict legalism of salvation by works, the new doctrine minimized the godly life as a requisite to salvation.

To many strict Puritans this new concept was scandalous. But many prominent New Englanders have embraced the teachings of the controversial Mrs. Hutchinson. Reverend Cotton at first appeared to share the radical views of the Antinomian leader, but took a more orthodox stand when the new movement became unpopular.

Governor Henry Vane has sided with Mrs. Hutchinson, thus making an explosive election issue of Mrs. Hutchinson and the Antinomian movement. The leader of the opposition is former governor John Winthrop, seeking a return to power on the tide of opposition to Mrs. Hutchinson.

Whatever the outcome of the forthcoming election, the fate of the loser probably will be harsh. As the well-established Puritans are expected to win a bitterly contested race, election day may mark the end of the brief history of the Antinomians in Massachusetts.

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## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

### Country Clubbers

**Question:** My wife and I are members of the Country Club in our town. We are members of the local Baptist church and have been for some years. My wife teaches a Sunday school class.

At our club parties there is always drinking. To go to these parties and not drink simply does not work. We have run out of excuses for not going. Yet the contacts are good for my business. What shall we do? We cannot reconcile the two memberships.

**Answer:** Excuses? Does a man need excuses for standing on his own feet and thinking for himself. I do not like limburger cheese and I'll be hanged before I will allow my friends to tell me what to do and what not to do. Sure, there are insecure people who will try to make you conform, but are you so weak that you have to obey in order to be liked? Such friends are not worth having.

Most church members who are trying to practice their Christianity follow one of two policies. Either they stay away from parties where drinks are served or they politely and firmly refuse to drink. You must decide for yourself what Christ would have you do.

Read Romans 14 (especially verse 21) and make up your mind. Social customs will never be changed by people who do not possess their own souls. Christians are supposed to create customs, not conform to them.

In our society, with from five to eight millions of alcoholics in it, it seems to me that your conscience ought to be troubled over this drinking problem. So called "social drinking" is anti-social. You cannot run with the hounds and the hares both.

You are facing a very difficult personal decision, but your business is not worth your soul. Besides, the sensible people in your group will admire you for standing on your own feet. Do not, for the sake of Christ, allow social pressure to determine your morals.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

## Highest Rating Given To Baptist Hospital

Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson has won the highest rating of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, Paul J. Pryor, administrator, reported.

He said the hospital has received "Full accreditation" from the commission.

"We are highly pleased with the results of the commission's inspection and survey," Pryor said.

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## Extension Classes To Begin Feb. 7

According to an announcement by Mrs. J. L. Sullivan, secretary of the Advisory Committee of the Seminary Center of Hinds County will begin on February 7 at 7 P. M. and will continue for 16 weeks. Classes will be held in Calvary Church, Jackson. The faculty is not yet complete and will be announced at a later date.

Courses will be offered in Religious Education, Old and New Testament, and Pastoral Counseling.

Members of the Advisory Commission of the Seminary Extension Department are: Rev. Robert Martin, Crestwood — Chairman; Rev. Mac Bomer, Edwards; Carl Kosanke, Calvary; Rev. Leonard Holloway, Robinson Street Baptist; Dr. W. P. Davis, Flora; Rev. Carey Cox, Brandon. Ex-officio members attending were Rev. Fred Tarpley, Moderator of Hinds County Baptist Association; Mr. Tom Chaney, Superintendent of Missions for Hinds County; Rev. W. A. Whitten, Paynes, Mississippi.

Dr. Lee Gallman is the director of the Seminary Extension Department.

—BR—

## 1st Church, Jackson Places First Order For New Hymnal

JACKSON, Miss. — (BSSB) — The First Baptist Church, Jackson, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, was the first church to place an order with the Jackson Baptist Book Store, for the new Baptist Hymnal, according to Mrs. O. M. Jones, store manager.

This church, the largest Baptist church in Mississippi, has four choirs with Reid Moore as minister of music.

The Hymnal, which will be ready March 1, is a 576-page publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. It was edited by Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the Board's Church Music Department.

Thirty-seven men and women throughout the Southern Baptist Convention have been working for more than three years selecting the hymns which will make up the largest hymnal Southern Baptists have ever produced.

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## My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. E. C. Hart,  
Bogue Chitto

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

II. By Mrs. Thelma Sullivan,  
Bogue Chitto

"And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." (Luke 10:27)

III. By Donald Wayne Hart,  
Bogue Chitto

"Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

IV. By Ellie Sultan,  
Grenada

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1)

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 23 — Rev. Charles Everett, Associational Missionary, Newton County; Paul Booth, Baptist Building.

January 24 — Dr. C. M. Wells, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage; Rev. D. L. Hill, Corinth, Social Service Commission.

January 25 — SU Directors' Seminar; Roy Kuykendall, Trustee, Clarke College.

January 26 — T. N. Touchstone, Education Commission; Miss Doris Miniard, Mississippi College staff.

January 27 — Mrs. E. F. Buckner, Winston Associational W. M. U. Supt.; Malcolm Carter, Prentiss Associational Training Union Director.

January 28 — Onous Wells, Jr., Clay Associational Music Director; C. C. Taylor, Riverside Associational Brotherhood President.

January 29 — Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Baptist Building; W. M. Whittington, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.



## Church To Permit Liquor In Vestry

HANCOCK, N. H. (RNS)

Members of the Congregational church here, at their annual meeting, defeated a motion which would have banned the use of alcoholic beverages by groups and individuals using the church vestry for private events.

Only about one-quarter of the members present voted to forbid the use of alcohol in the vestry, and about two-fifths cast their votes to limit its use. The pastor, the Rev. Thomas H. Billings, abstained from voting. The unusual action came after Harold S. Fuller, moderator, in reply to a question from the floor said he was aware that beverages of alcoholic content had been served at several functions in the vestry.

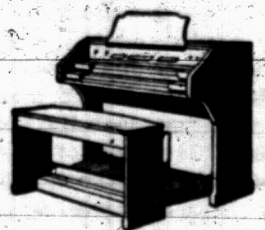
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**THESE THINGS WE BELIEVE** (Convention Press, Nashville, Tennessee) is written by Dr. J. Clyde Turner. Says the author in the preface: "Not all people believe all things that are set forth in this book. There are differences of opinion among men and to what they believe. And not all Baptists believe all that is written in these pages. Since Baptists have no authoritative creed, no one can speak for all Baptists concerning the things they believe. But there are certain fundamental truths to which Baptists in general subscribe." Dr. Turner is a North Carolinian, and has been pastor of four churches during his long preaching career. He has served as Trustee of Southern Seminary and of Wake Forest College, and has written a number of other books. Until his retirement a few years ago he had been pastor of the First Church, Greensboro, N. C. for many years.

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Rock Branch Is On

The free sample plan still works. Recently H. C. Luke, treasurer of the Rock Branch Church in Newton County, sent a list of names with the request that the Record be sent on trial to acquaint the people of the Rock Branch Church with the Baptist Record.

We did. Getting acquainted with the Baptist Record, seeing what a help it is to church life, the church has made the Baptist Record a part of its program and now has 26 families receiving the Baptist Record each week.

Rev. Floyd Beason, Clarke College student, is the pastor.

Record readers in Newton County are now listed as follows:

BETHEL, 45; BEULA, 44; Center Ridge, 1; Chunky, 9; Cross Road, 14; DECATUR, CLARKE VENABLE, 173; DUFFEE, 33; Good Hope, 1; HICKORY, 90; LAWRENCE, 29; LIBERTY, 43; MIDWEST, 26; Mt. Pleasant, 3; MT. VERNON, 31; NEW IRELAND, 29; New Prospect 18; N. PROVIDENCE, 26; NEWTON, 281; PINCKNEY, 26; PLEASANT HILL, 42; ROCK BRANCH, 26; SULPHUR SPRINGS, 41; UNION, FIRST, 209.

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### Hepzibah

While Hepzibah Church in Jeff Davis Association is without a pastor we had the privilege of supplying for them on Sunday, January 15. Since our last visit there several years ago they have erected a modern church auditorium and converted the old auditorium into an educational annex.

Though pastorless, the people are carrying on in a fine way and all organizations are functioning.

Record readers in Jefferson Davis Association are now listed as follows:

ANTIOCH, 40; BASSFIELD, 63; BETHANY, 40; CARSON, 54; DOBLIN, 44; EBENEZER, 50; HATHORN, 55; Hebron, 2; HEPZIBAH, 55; OAK GROVE, 31; Old Hebron, 1; PHALTI, 54; PRENTISS, FIRST, 188; SOCIETY HILL, 58; WHITE SAND, 107.

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### Savoy Is On

Savoy Church in Lauderdale County is one of the most recent additions to the growing list of churches that have made the Baptist Record a part of their program.

The list was sent by the treasurer, John G. Carlisle.

Record readers in Lauderdale County are now listed as follows:

Savoy, 16; ARKADELPHIA, 48; CENTER GROVE, 30; BETHANY, 27; CARMEL, 49;

## Wiggins Pastor Goes To Texas Pastorate



Rev. W. L. Warren

Rev. W. L. Warren resigned from First Church, Wiggins, recently to accept the pastorate of the Lexington Baptist Mission, which is the "mission-child" of the Second Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. This mission has not yet been fully organized and Mr. Warren has accepted a real challenge in that, although the church building is completed and equipped, it is without members.

During the four and a half years of Mr. Warren's service at Wiggins, the church has continued to grow spiritually and financially. Under his leadership, it has employed a full time music director, added a church library, and has assumed the obligation to train its workers through a planned method of study courses.

Among the many improvements made in the physical plant, the church purchased a Baldwin organ and piano, installed air-conditioning in the auditorium, and has remodeled and air-conditioned the nursery department and some of the offices and Sunday School rooms.

CAUSEYVILLE, 51; COLLINSVILLE, 36; Daleville, 16; FELLOWSHIP, 50; GOODWATER, 24; HEBRON, 51; HICKORY GROVE, 36; KENNESAW, 25; Liberty, 19; LONG CREEK, 39; MACEDONIA, 51; MARI-ON, 36; Meehan, 11; MERIDIAN, FIRST, 626; MERIDIAN, EIGHTH AVENUE, 127; MERIDIAN, 15th AVE., 356; EASTVIEW, 127; 41ST AVE., 288; HIGHLAND, 179; OAKLAND HEIGHTS, 155; POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE, 291; SOUTHSIDE, 268; KEY FIELD, 29; MIDWAY, 85; MT. GILEAD, 27; Mt. Horeb, 6; Mt. Nebo, 10; MT. OLIVE, 21; NEW HOPE, 60; New Zion, 16; OAK GROVE, 87; PINE GROVE, 70; RUSSELL, 46; Salem, 16; TOOM-SUBA, 29; Union, 1; STATE BOULEVARD, 133; MT. VERNON, 37; PINE FOREST, 20; EMMANUEL, 20.

## Sunday School Department

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PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

MISS ALEXINE GIBSON, Associate

MISS PAT HINES, Office Secretary

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Here is the program for the 16 district Sunday school conferences that meet the four weeks of January 30-February 3; February 6-10; February 20-24, and February 27-March 2:

4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. — Vacation Bible School

Planning, Promotion, Enlisting, and Training workers, Books, Literature, Supplies, Handwork, Materials, Advertising, Preparation Day, Commencement Day, Financing, Conserving, Demonstration, Film Strip.

6:15 to 7:00 Lunch — Served by Host Church

7:00 to 9:00 — Sunday School

1. Opening worship
2. The Story of the Church's Bible Teaching Ministry to all Ages — in Colored Pictures.
3. Question Time
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### SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES

Time	Place
Monday, January 30	Centreville
Tuesday, January 31	Friendship (Pike Ass'n.)
Thursday, February 2	Wegson
Friday, February 3	Daniel Memorial, Jackson
Monday, February 6	Tutwiler
Tuesday, February 7	Belzoni
Thursday, February 9	Grenada, First
Friday, February 10	Kosciusko, First
Monday, February 20	Purvis
Tuesday, February 21	East Howard, Biloxi
Thursday, February 23	Waynesboro, First
Friday, February 24	Salem (Covington Ass'n.)
Monday, February 27	Iuka
Tuesday, February 28	Ecru
Thursday, March 1	Brooksville
Friday, March 2	Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.

### ATTEND THE ONE MOST CONVENIENT

#### GLORIETA BUS TRIP

We are running a bus to the Glorieta Baptist Assembly for the first Sunday school week, July 26-August 1. Sight seeing trips will include Oak Creek Canyon, Grand Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, and into Old Mexico.

The approximate cost for the two weeks trip will be \$144.00. This includes transportation,

meals and rooms en route, registration, room and meals at Glorieta and the sight seeing trips.

The air-conditioned Continental Trailways bus will leave Jackson on Friday night, July 20, and return Saturday, August 4.

If interested in making this trip, write Miss Carolyn Madison, Box 530, Jackson.

#### BENEFITS OF HIS PASSION

(Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee) is a small book of meditations on the cross of Christ and its meaning in our lives today. The price is \$1. The author, Dr. C. H. Dodd, has selected from the writings of Paul references to the death of Christ on the cross. Dodd says that Christ "established a point of complete nonresistance to the will of God and complete submission to his design." "The obedience of Christ is the release of creative power for the perfecting of human life." Yet his death on the cross would have had no meaning except for his resurrection from the dead. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

Mr. Warren leaves the First Church, Wiggins without any indebtedness and with a fund of \$13,836.00 which has been set aside as a Building Fund. The church also has a surplus in the general treasury.

#### THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

by C. E. Matthews, contains four divisions. Part I gives a general view of what the Southern Baptist program of evangelism is; Part II gives full details on planning and taking part in the Simultaneous Crusade; Part III discusses perennial evangelism; and Part IV deals with special phases of evangelism, such as music in evangelism, soul-winning, reaching Jews and Roman Catholics, Sunday School at night during the week, etc. The second revised edition of this book since its first publication in 1949 has been made, with Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, former Secretary of Evangelism in Mississippi, as Chairman of the Revision Committee. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the Convention Press, Nashville, Tennessee.



## Man Of Distinction

In a continuing effort to be of all possible aid to the liquor industry in helping them to convince American people that liquor does make "men of distinction," we offer the following information as proof that it makes men of DISTINCTION and sometimes women of EXTINCTION.

According to the United Press, at Dalton, Georgia, a burly electrician confessed that he strangled a Birmingham waitress and left a note which said, "killed in Bessemer." Arresting officers said that the man, aged about 30, sobbed while describing his "senseless" slaying of the 26-year-old waitress.

It was said that the murderer had been seen on a beer-drinking bout with the murdered waitress.

The printer did not seize this incident to publicize the liquor industry, but it does help to prove what alcohol in the human body will do. Here we have a woman dead and a man in jail charged with murder. One is a "man of distinction." He has the proud distinction of having confessed to the murder of a woman. The woman is a woman of "distinction," as well as a woman of "extinction." She has the distinction of having been seen on a beer-drinking bout. She also is a woman of "extinction," having been murdered by the beer-crazed man.

## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

**Called and Accepted:**  
Francis V. Canty, Beulah Church, Fordtown, Tenn., from Montgomery Church, Lincoln County Miss.

Leland Higginbotham, Calvary Church, Towson, Md., from First Church, Hightstown, N. J.

Denver J. Davis First Church, Gaffney, S. C. from First Church, Petersburg, Va.

Leon M. Gambrell, Campobello Church, Campobello, S. C. from First Church, Brooksville, Fla.

T. T. Crabtree, Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla. from Leewood Church, Memphis Tenn.

J. A. Neilson Olive Chapel, Apex, N. C. from Emmanuel, Greenville, N. C.

Harry W. Crump, Temple, New Bern, N. C. from Pleasant View, Va.

John Thomas, Maltby, N. C. from Blairsville, Ga.

Jimmy Burnham, Second Church, Murphy, N. C.

William C. Lamb, Cherryville, N. C. from Dallasburg, Ky.

Preston J. Taylor, First, Mt. Airy, N. C. from New Bridge, Va.

T. P. Patterson, Bee Cave, Texas from First, Dale, Okla.

LeRoy Burris, First, Pettit, Texas

J. M. Cloud, Northside, Lampasas, Texas.

G. Roger Woodall Emmanuel, Lafayette, La. from Fairview, Amarilla, Texas.

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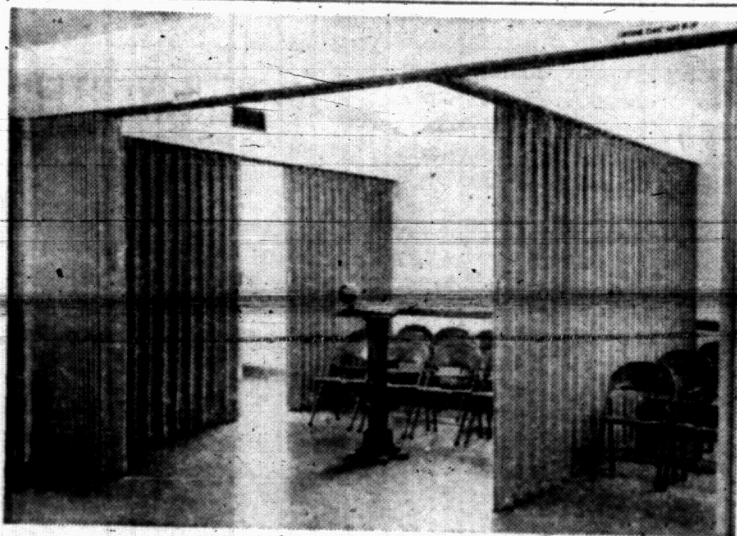
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## BAPTISTS STUDY MEANS FOR MISSION EDUCATION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — More than 50 representatives of Southern Baptist Convention agencies met here to discuss this question recently: What can we do to create more interest in world missions?

Eugene Hill, secretary in charge of education and promotion of the Foreign Mission Board, reported on the Board's plans to sponsor mission tours in South America and the Orient.

Since Southern Baptists will be in a period of world missions, or evangelism, emphasis at that time, Hill suggested that the Foreign Mission Board's education study theme for 1959 should be, "World Evangelization — Our Mission." The Foreign Mission Board and Baptist Sunday School Board co-operate in producing missionary education literature about foreign missions.

Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, said more than 266,000 copies of a foreign mission study series produced under this cooperative plan were sold last year. A series of five books

presented a picture of the Moslem world.

### Demand For Re-Prints

The Home Mission Board, which produces its own publications, also reported great interest in mission literature.

Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union, told the Council about WMU studies of mission fields in Africa, the Orient, the Near East, and Latin America, as well as within the United States.

The addition of three associates in the youth department of the WMU office "has been one of the significant achievements of the WMU in the last year," she declared.

Tours to Old Mexico by about 150 Southern Baptist laymen are being planned, according to David Mashburn, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission. The laymen will pay their own expenses to visit Southern Baptist mission work.

Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary of the Executive Committee, told of plans to implement the Convention's action on world evangelization, which it

## LOS ANGELES (RNS) —

Servicemen wandering the streets early on a Sunday morning are going to be accosted by Temple Baptist church "impressing gangs." A group of young men from the congregation will go out each Sunday at 8:30 a. m. to approach servicemen and invite them to the church. After morning services the men will be entertained in the homes of church members. Then they will be taken back to the church in time for a late afternoon Baptist young people's meeting. Temple Baptist is a major downtown church.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Humphreys County Association which met with the Louise and Isola Churches on October 10 and 11, 1955. The next session is to be held with the Calvary and Gooden Lake Churches in October. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

took in 1955 at Miami. He said the plans include a co-operative soul-winning effort by four or more Baptist groups in the United States, including the Southern Baptist Convention.



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#### PRAYER REQUEST

Missionary W. W. Boggan who works among the Indians in Sulphur, Okla requests prayer for these things:

1. That more Indians may be won to Christ.
2. That much-needed Sunday School rooms may be built.
3. That we will all learn to live together for Christ.

#### HOME MISSION MATERIALS

The following materials will be helpful for use in connection with the study of The American Indian and the observance of the Home Mission Week of Prayer:

1. Filmstrips (purchase only, \$5.00 each)

PRAY YE—prepared for use during the Week of Prayer—presents the total Home Mission program.

TRAIL OF TRIUMPH—portrays the progress made by the American Indian—especially good in teaching "The Tribes Go Up"

INDIAN BASKETS—depicts story of the beginning of our Baptist work among the Papago Indians in Arizona.

2. Films (rental only) Both of these are new.

INDIAN MISSIONARY DIARY (18 1/2 minutes) rental \$7.00

INDIAN CHILDREN (14 1/2 minutes) rental \$6.00

3. FREE MATERIAL (order from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., Atlanta, Ga.)

(1) Picture sheet 8x10 black and white pictures

(2) Pictorial map of home mission fields.

(3) Tract "The American Indian and Southern Baptists."

4. MAGAZINE—The January Home Missions is a special Indian issue—order from Home Mission Board, send 5 cents for each copy wanted.

#### America's Greatness

The following observation was written by Alexis de Tocqueville a century ago. It makes us pause.

"I sought for the greatness and the genius of America in

her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there . . . in her public school system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

What do you do to keep our country great? Praying during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and giving in the Annie Armstrong Offering will help!

#### FEBRUARY ATTRACTION FOR YWA'S TWO YWA HOUSEPARTIES SCHEDULED IN STATE

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE, Blue Mountain, Miss. February 3-5 (Districts 2, 3, 4, 5) — Northern Region

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE, Hattiesburg, Miss. February 10-12 (Districts 1, 6, 7, 8) — Southern Region

COST — \$5.50 cares for room, board, and registration fee (the \$1 fee is to be sent as girl registers; \$4.50 to be paid upon arrival at college)

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#### What Does "World Evangelism" Mean?

By Dr. H. GUY MOORE, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Southern Baptist Convention has embarked on a program of special emphasis on world evangelism. This is the first in a series of informative articles written about world evangelism.

The term "world evangelization" has been making frequent appearances in Southern Baptist circles recently and is destined to be much in the forefront in the months ahead.

What do we mean when we say "world evangelization"?

We are talking, of course, about a particular emphasis being made at present in the overall Southern Baptist program. But back of that is a deep, driving, inescapable meaning.

We mean by "world evangelization" exactly what Jesus meant when he came to redeem a world that was lost from God. His death and resurrection stand at the heart of that purpose to win men back to God. Christ himself is the gospel, the "good news," the evangel.

That good news is for all men. Christ set the geographical boundaries when he said, "The field is the world." He drew the limits in the marching orders of the great commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. . ."

He left no doubt as to the scope of every Christian's responsibility when he said, "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Nor do I think that Jesus had in mind geographical limits alone. His gospel is for all men. It acknowledges no artificial barriers of race or class. It was a gospel for every man that Paul carried to the capital of the Roman Empire. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," Paul declared.

It is a gospel, also, for every area of a person's life. Jesus would recognize no part of life as "off limits" to his redeeming and transforming grace. He came to claim man's whole life in all his relationships.

Further, it is a gospel designed and adequate to stay with man until the job is finished.

#### MESSAGES AND CONFERENCES

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#### Dr. L. A. Myers Leads Mt. Olive Revival

By Dr. LEWIS A. MYERS

(Editor's Note: This article by a native of Mississippi and Simpson County and now editor of the Baptist New Mexican omits details of a serious accident.)

Returning to his duties at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. Myers was in a serious auto wreck near Wichita Falls, Texas. His car was completely demolished. Taken to a Wichita Falls hospital it was found that his injuries consisted of multiple cuts across scalp and face, several broken ribs, and many torn muscles. He is still confined at his home but able, in a limited way, to use his most important tool — a typewriter. His doctors say he will be fit for further service after a little more healing.)

Recently, a busy editor turned aside to engage in a one week revival. The church at Mount Olive had graciously extended a second invitation. Pastor C. O. Estes, a militant soul-seeker, a warm-hearted shepherd, and friend said

there were additions by profession and by letter. As important as this factor is, the editor looked for other accomplishments in the overall success. A soul-winning band was organized, the tithing roll increased, many family altars established. Moreover, the general improvement of the spiritual tone of the church was sought.

So far as the preacher-editor could tell, the membership verdict was "good." There were many conditions favorable for a revival. First, a pastor and his wife, in love with their people, esteemed by the membership, gave unstinted cooperation to every revival effort. Both pastor and Mrs. Estes, versatile in musical talents — instruments, voice, conferences — directed the singing and presided at the organ. Second, a church-loving people, loyal to Christ entered the choir and pew and made themselves available for all assignments.

Perhaps all will agree that

shed. Christ would not only save man from his past; he would stand by man in Christian fellowship today; he would see him through to the end.

It would be Christ's gospel, then, for all men; for the whole life, for all the way. That, as I see it, is what we must mean if we are to evangelize or win to Christ, the world from its center to its circumference.

There is another kind of totality we must never forget. The task of world evangelization will demand the total support of our churches, our denominational agencies, our financial and our personal resources. No partial commitment will be adequate for such a challenge.

**DEAD OR ALIVE**—(Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis 18, Missouri, \$1.50) is written by Herbert Lindemann. The subtitle reads "A Book of Lenten Sermons." Baptist preachers might use the book for ideas on sermons preceding and following Easter Sunday. Sermon titles include: "Jesus, the Jews, and Idolatry;" "Jesus, Judas, and Money;" "Jesus, Peter, and Bad Company;" "Jesus, Herod, and Amusements;" "Jesus, Pilate, and War;" "Jesus, Pilate, and Sophistication;" "Sin and Death;" "Living the Risen Life;" "The Risen Life in the Church;" "The Risen Life in the Home;" and "The Risen Life in Industry." Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

the one indispensable factor in revival work is the preaching. Consider this schedule: Preaching at 7:30 in the morning, at 4 p. m. to the Primaries and Juniors from the school, at 7 p. m. to the Youth Fellowship, and at 7:30 p. m. to the church. Thus pastor and people of lovely Mt. Olive gave themselves to an intensive revival week.

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#### JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)

—Mr. and Mrs. H. Terry Parker, of Jacksonville, have announced they will begin construction of a \$75,000 addition to Baptist Home for Children here early next year. The Home also recently received \$10,000 from Mrs. John H. Pace to build a combination auditorium and gymnasium. Parker is president of the children's home.

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## Giving New Hymnal "The Once Over"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary, Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board, is shown looking at the last proof of the 76-page new Baptist Hymnal, which will be ready March 1. From left, Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Sims, Charles Montgomery, of the Broadman Typographic Section, who supervised all type setting for the 554 titles in the Hymnal and Dr. W. L. Howse, director of the Board's Education Division.



## TV Films Mark Important Step Forward

By The BAPTIST PRESS

So far, only Southern Baptist Convention leaders and a few "test" audiences have seen them, but films now being prepared by the Convention's Radio and Television Commission mark an important step forward for the denomination. These films, available also in black and white, will make Southern Baptists the only denomination presenting TV color programs.

The first series of six films based on New Testament parables — will be released for television showings on April 1. So far, Commission Director Paul Stevens says 56 stations have asked for them and are willing to present them on "sustaining time," that is, non-commercial time for which the stations receive no pay.

The Commission will furnish the films to television stations without charge, and also will pay for delivery to the stations and return to the Commission after being shown.

The half-hour programs are of great importance since they will reach many people in the free and easy atmosphere of the home, people who, you might say, "never darken the door of a church."

The television trade describes this as a "non-captive" audience. In other words, they have the liberty of turning the dial to another television channel or turning off the set completely. Also they can leave the set on but pay little attention to what it presents.

A church audience, on the other hand, is a "captive" audience. For reverence or good manners, this audience does not

move around during the service. It seldom has outside distractions which may occur frequently in a home, nor can the church audience switch the dial to another channel.

The Radio and Television Commission's films on the parables of Jesus are necessarily planned for a "non-captive" audience and the Commission must consider the devices it needs to hold the attention of this group of people.

One of the six films, for instance, is entitled "The Rich Fool." It's based on the rich fool Jesus described in Luke 12:16-20. This fool, you remember, was so prosperous that he found he must build new barns to hold his fruits and goods. But he was so selfish and irreligious, that he ignored God and dedicate himself to a life of self-indulgence made possible by his vast riches.

It was that night, Jesus said, that God required the rich fool's soul and demanded to know to whom all these fruits and goods would belong afterward.

The plot of the television film portrays a modern-day family (all the Commission's television releases will be aimed at family audiences) in which the father has amassed great wealth and plans to expand his production.

The father, resembling so greatly the rich fool Jesus pictured, finds himself "sick" but the doctor can find no physical basis for his "sickness," and suggests the father read this Bible parable of the rich fool. This, the doctor says, might furnish a clue as to the rich man's "sickness."

The father scorns the doctor's

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Kemper County Association, which met in thirty-fifth annual session and fifth semi-annual session with the Blackwater Church on April 15 and with the Corinth Church on October 14 last year. The next sessions will be held with the Salem Church on April 14 and with the West Kemper Church on October 13. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

advice to read the parable. At the same time he tries to interest his son in taking over management of the factory so he — the rich fool — can settle back and enjoy things. To his surprise, neither his son, nor son-in-law, wants to accept the business on the father's terms — that business come before family, civic responsibility, and spiritual needs. The daughter even frankly tells her father his own family calls the factory a "monster."

The 20th century rich fool winds up reading the parable in Luke and realizing that while God has not required his own physical health or life, God may already have required his soul.

When another of the six films, "This My Son," based on the parable of the Prodigal Son, was shown to a "captive" audience at a Baptist mission on an Arizona Indian reservation, 200 persons professed faith in Christ, according to Stevens.

Like the other four, these two cost \$25,000 apiece. The Radio and TV Commission sketched the plots and professional script writers in New York worked out the dialogue. Family Films in Hollywood produced the films. (This is the same company which produces Baptist Sunday School Board films and films for the Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church.)

Stevens says there are four requirements in each production:

1. The films must be on a family level.
2. They must remain true to the New Testament parable.
3. The Word of God must be read in each production.
4. The plan of salvation must be woven into each plot.

While the Commission will major on presenting these films over TV stations, they may be secured for "captive" showings at churches. In these instances, they may be rented at Baptist Book Stores for \$9, black and white, and \$15, in color.

Former Convention President J. D. Grey declared after one preview to Southern Baptist leaders that the production was "tops." With the backing of the leadership, the Radio and TV Commission plans to start producing a new series of 13 films in April. Sample parable plots: "Parable of the Sower" and "The Pearl of Great Price."

## Where Do We Go From Here?

By Dr. LEE GALLMAN

Certain trends are seen among Baptists that alarm many of our leaders. Open communion, alien immersion, and open membership are among these trends. What about Southern Baptists? Where will they go? Will they move toward the loose polity of the American Churches? What precautions should be taken? Why did our Northern brethren become such non-conformists, ignoring the traditions of the elders? What lessons may we derive? These questions will consume the interests of Baptists for years.

Southern Baptists do not want to lose their traditional Baptist character. Certain elements of our character as a peculiar denomination have given stimulus to evangelism and missions to our salvation.

But on every corner one hears the reason for our present favorable position—our great institutions, our agencies, missions, and doctrinal purity. Are these statements factual? Or do they represent convictions without careful analysis? It is not the purpose of this writer to set up any criteria, but to ask if the presuppositions are correct.

Surely we need to be wary of the changing tides lest Baptists drift away from God and truth. But we also need to be wary of the cures offered. To be more specific, I do not believe the answer to the perils we face is to be found in abandoning good and sound critical study of the Bible for an outmoded methodology. In every revival of Bible interest there is born some new adjustment in theology and philosophy. We can be assured that while our changing moods may be swept aside by new issues that the Bible will not be so easily brushed off.

In order to maintain our Baptist heritage we may need to make certain moves. Perhaps we should adopt a formal creed embracing our traditional heritage. But whose tradition shall we preserve? Shall we call up from the past some great patriarch of our faith and declare him to be our norm? But which one? Not too long ago I heard a speaker say, "I'm an old-time Baptist of the Carroll Graves, Broadus clan..." That was a mouthful! Anyone who thinks that these sages grew off the same bush needs only to read them.

Baptists had best be wary of the cures offered for what appears to be a sickness. Perhaps the best solution is to acclaim the New Testament norm interpreted into the life situation of the present as the answer. We need to study the New Testament and search out traditions with the New Testament.

But we will never be able to rescue our children in the faith from the peril of thinking

through the forms of their age. They will have to re-cast the truth in acceptable terminology of their times. They will have to sift through the traditions we leave behind to discover the truth.

Some of the moves made by our fellowship within the past decade or so would not fit the convictions of the past century. We had just as well prepare for it — our Baptist children and grandchildren will do some things before 2000 A. D. that would shock us today. For there is progress in theology and each generation fits its theology to its age. Each age must have its adjustment in polity.

We can teach and instill principles but practice will continue to grow out of situations.

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There is so much to do and so little time in which to do it! We need to be in dead earnest about our main business of winning the world for Christ's Kingdom. A man engaged in conversation a Communist who had put a leaflet in his hand. He advised the Communist, "It is no use; you will never get anywhere doing this. At best there are but two hundred thousand Communists in America, while we Christians number seventy-five million." The Communist replied, "Remember Gideon's band? They had only three hundred. Members of my party are willing to live on the barest necessities of life. Every dime we earn above and beyond our simple needs we turn back to our cause; we believe in it with all our hearts." Then he went on to say, "We are going to be victorious, and, if you want to know, I will tell you why. We have an unshakable faith in our cause. We are even willing to die for it. That is more than you are willing to do!" Is it? How far will you go to serve your cause? Reuben K. Youngdahl in *The Secret of Greatness* (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

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## THE BIBLE IN THE HOME — A PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER

By DR. A. DONALD BELL  
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Religious Psychology and  
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Did you have a family Bible in your childhood home? Do you associate it with the strong, old house of your parents? Do you still have a feeling of stability and a sense of security when you think of the house, the Bible, and the well-worn furniture of that home?

The very real spiritual security which the use of God's Word gives in family living is reinforced psychologically by the symbolism of the Bible and the home. Thousands of people find security in the recall of that old homestead and that worn Bible. Somehow, their lives are still influenced by that which those objects represent.

In a recent survey among the coeds of an Eastern university an unsigned questionnaire was filled out by each girl. She was to tell why she behaved herself on dates. Many of the young women credited their childhood homes and churches. One coed added a footnote, writing, "I can't recite the Ten Commandments which I learned out of the old Bible in my home — but, somehow, I still live by them."

### THE SCRIPTURES IN THE HEBREW HOME

The Jewish Home offered a abundant opportunity for the children to attach their spiritual learning to objects and object lessons. Fragments of scripture were worn on the person and the Law was read frequently at the table. The family table was the center of religious life. Here the prayers were usually offered and the great sacred feasts were celebrated. Through succeeding generations the Hebrew people have had the family table and God's Law linked in their thinking. This tradition has untold spiritual and psychological value which many modern Christians miss. We have been through a period when we have not seen much of the entire family around the table in prayer and using the Bible. Therefore, this association has been weakened.

### OUR CHANGING HOMES OF TODAY

Do most of our modern American homes present the permanency and security of these Jewish homes? Many cultural changes have taken place. When our forefathers came to this country they established homes much like those of Europe. That is, large houses were built for two or three generations. Spacious dining rooms and kitchens enabled them to read

the family Bible (often brought from abroad) and family devotions were a part of family living. Yet, in recent generations we are building smaller houses, and each generation lives unto itself. The family has been disintegrated in its work and interests. A recent architectural trend away from separate dining rooms and large kitchens has definitely made Bible reading and family devotions more difficult. This writer is strongly in favor of a revival of the old in this area.

Also, we change houses and furniture so frequently that our children do not build up a sense of security and stability as they live in these changing homes. Added to this is the trend toward packing the old family Bible away! Thus, we have broken down the traditional associations of Bible and home; family life and devotional periods; the "worship at the table."

The activity of yesterday's home centered around the Bible. The activity of today's home centers around the telephone.

### GOD'S BOOK OF LOVE BECOMES CENTRAL IN THE HOME

God's love and his Word is the Book of love. When the Bible is in the center of the family there's a stronger bond of love between members of the group. Most individuals need a spiritual tie to enhance love. It is interesting how people are united when they focus their attention in a single focal point.

Second after the pattern of man's love for God the family learns that love can not be forced.

Third, as we gather together to worship we find that our love must be expressed to God daily.

Finally, we learn in our devotional life that love of God must be personal and so we love each one in the family circle in a more personal way on the basis of his own worth. Reading God's Word of love will surely increase our love.

We visited in Holland a few years ago and were greatly impressed with her families. The Dutch divorce rate is very low and the homes are so often deeply Christian. While spending some time in the home of Mrs. Sigi Boes, authority on Netherland culture and customs, we had a meal at her table. As we were seated, Mrs. Boes opened a very large and ancient Bible.

She read a lengthy passage in the native tongue. As she read we were emotionally moved by one fact: we could not understand the language, but her family and mine were somehow united before God!

## Hospitals Say How Grants May Be Used

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The 33 Southern Baptist hospitals eligible for Ford Foundation gifts must use the funds for expansion of services and most of them already have in mind ways in which to use the money.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital is eligible for \$157,000. According to an announcement by Administrator Paul J. Pryor, "We are in an enlargement and expansion program in which this grant will play a very important part." Final decision is up to the trustees.

Tentative plans for using the Ford Foundation grants by hospitals in nearby states have been announced as follows:

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., is eligible for \$250,000, the most of any of the hospitals. Frank S. Groner, administrator, reports "Our preliminary plans are to use this in remodeling obstetrical services, purchasing scientific equipment, remodeling patient areas, installing additional elevators and modernizing antiquated ones, and securing diagnostic and therapeutic equipment."

Southern Baptist Hospital, of the governing board on use of the governing board on use of the Ford Foundation grants.

Southern Baptist Hospital is eligible for \$246,700.

Beauregard Memorial Baptist Hospital, DeRidder, La. — \$12,000. "The money will be used in a fund to enlarge our present facilities and enlarged facilities are very badly needed," according to Talton L. Francis, Administrator.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock — \$168,000. "For construction purposes," J. A. Gilbreath, administrator.

Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge, La. — \$132,100. "It is presently anticipated we will use the money to complete our expansion and improvement program. We are adding 100 beds, bringing our capacity to 350 beds, and we are air-conditioning the entire patient area," says Administrator Robert Guy.

East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville — \$142,100. W. L. Simon, administrator, states "We have many, many places to use it." Exact use depends on board of trustee action.

Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La. — \$93,400. Has a very acute heating and laundry problem that Ford funds can remedy. Will also be able to build a chapel and to secure some laboratory equipment. — Administrator Freeman E. May.

Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. — \$138,500. Probably will be used in long range building program which had been announced prior to Ford Foundation grants, according to Administrator Gene Kidd.

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# Children's Page

## BROWN BAT.

By Vera May Baldwin

God has placed many interesting creatures in the world. And each one has its own special place. Sometimes, of course, we wonder what that place can be.

Take the bat, for instance. Oh, little brown bat, So at ease when in flight, You swoop and you dive Through the darkness of night, Your radar machine Working so perfectly, That blind-folded you'd Still fly accurately.

Many misleading tales are told about this little animal. It is often thought of as a weird, injurious creature. But the brown bat that lives in the United States is harmless, and very useful because it feeds on insects. Its appearance, to be sure, is odd. The bat has a furry body, sometimes like a mouse. Its hind legs are short with hooked claws, and its front legs extend out into wings which make it possible for the bat to fly like a bird.

As a rule the bat flies around only at night. During the day it sleeps in some dark place, hanging head down by its claws.

Some people believe the bat is blind. This is how we have come to use the expression, "Blind as a bat." The little bat cannot see as well in the bright sunlight as it can when darkness begins to fall. But it is not blind. It has fine eyesight.

However, if you put a blind-fold over a bat's eyes it would still be able to fly extremely well. And it could fly through a maze of wires or strings without hitting any of them.

This is because God in his planning made the bat's ears more important than its eyes. It has a wonderful radar system in its ears. By listening to its own voice echo against nearby objects, the bat knows where they are and can keep clear of them. If you see a bat flying through the darkness, you may hear it making sharp, shrill sounds and will know that it is using its radar. No modern airplane has any better device for "flying blind" than does the bat.

The mother bat takes good care of her children. When the babies are very young she keeps them with her all the time. They cling to her furry body with their tiny claws. They even ride along with her when she flies around. As soon as the babies are old enough to stay alone for a while, the mother sometimes leaves them hanging in the cave, or wherever their home may be. Then she goes off by herself to exercise and catch insects. When she returns, she finds the babies hanging head downward

exactly where she left them.

Don't you wish that the little bat liked to come out during the daytime? It would be such fun to get to know this furry, winged animal better! It is really one of God's interesting and splendid creatures.

"All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3

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## TREE TOADS

By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

One of the most interesting of the tiny creatures that God has made is the tree toad or tree frog.

What a voice he has for his size! He has a sound sack beneath his chin that swells like a little balloon. It is with this that he makes the sound which can be heard for quite some distance.

This toad has the power of changing colors to match his surroundings; so he often looks like bark or a leaf.

His fingers and toes are comical looking. Each has a little ball on the end. These are sticky so aid the little fellow to hold to his perch.

In April these toads lay eggs in the ponds. The eggs soon hatch into tiny tadpoles. Some of these come from the water while they still have tails.

Tree toads are a wonderful help in keeping down mosquitoes and gnats. These little folks sleep beneath moss and leaves during the winter. Then they come forth the "spring peepers" who chorus that the winter-time is gone.

When God makes such marvelous changes in nature as transforming tadpoles into frogs, we shouldn't fear the changes in our lives. For He knows what is for our best. In changing us he is making us into something worthwhile. That is what is meant in the Bible where it says, "We are his workmanship" (Eph. 2:10).

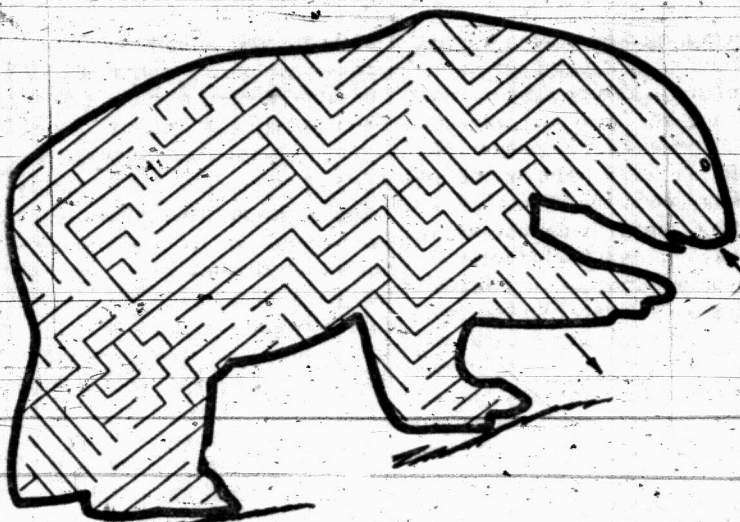
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## WAXCROSS, Ga. — (BP)

Georgia Baptists hope to begin construction of the first cottages at their Home for the Aged here within a few months. The home will be located on property which used to house a prison camp about 1½ miles from the city.

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According to a recent report from the Executive Committee of the SBC, Mississippi gave \$503,957.19 to the Cooperative Program in 1955 and \$480,764.86 in 1954. To designated causes they gave \$284,888.62 in 1955 and \$275,352.23 in 1954.



## POLAR BEARS

By Reuben S. DeLong

Here we have a polar bear. It lives up in the far North, where there is ice and snow all the year round. Nature is very kind to this type of bear, for its fur is of a snow-white color. Thus, the Eskimo hunters find it hard to see and to trap the bear. While the polar bear

would run from the Eskimos, it will stand still for you as you draw a path with your pencil between the lines. You must not cross any lines. Start at the arrow at the tip of the bear's nose. The end is at the arrow on the front leg that is raised up.

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## CONVENTION GIVEN RECORD \$18 MILLION DURING 1955

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Members of about 30,000 Southern Baptist Convention churches gave \$18,240,455 during 1955 to support missionary, educational, and benevolent work of the Southern Convention, Porter Routh, Convention treasurer, announced here.

This record making sum for Convention work is \$1 1/2 million greater than the amount contributed in 1954, Routh continued. These figures do not include contributions for activities of local Baptist churches and state Baptist groups.

Were the local and state contributions figured in also, total contributions would very probably exceed \$300 million, according to Routh. The exact amount of all contributions will be tabulated, later.

Fifty-six per cent of the money given last year to support the Southern Baptist Convention (both Cooperative Program and designated gifts are included) went into its world missionary program through the Foreign Mission Board, Routh declared. This agency received \$10,377,575.

Another 17 per cent went to the Home Mission Board which carries on missionary work in the United States, Alaska, Cuba, and the Canal Zone. Its receipts were \$3,172,714.

### Seminary Contributions

Members of the Convention gave \$2,943,226 to support its five seminaries which train ministers and full-time religious workers.

Routh reported that each of the 25 states in the Convention contributed more to the work of the Convention in 1955 than it did the year before.

One of the newest states in the Convention, Ohio, contrib-

uted 207 1/2 per cent more in 1955 than in 1954 — \$12,794 compared with \$6,240. Texas, largest state within the Convention, has the greatest monetary increase from 1954 to 1955 according to Routh, jumping from \$3,769,989 to \$4,173,745.

More than 10 per cent of the Foreign Mission Board funds and more than a fifth of those for the Home Mission Board came in after October 1, when the Convention entered the Advance portion of its annual budget.

During the Advance—which the Convention enters after meeting its regular budget obligations for the year — money received in non-designated, or Cooperative Program, gifts goes only to the two missionary boards.

Advance funds for 1955, a record, provided the Foreign Mission Board with \$1,836,630, and the Home Mission Board with \$612,210.

Secretaries of the two boards said "We are encouraged because Southern Baptists are strengthening a world ministry. Support of the Cooperative Program is vital to sustained advance."

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## Baptist Group Tells Immigration Views

WASHINGTON — (BP) — United States immigration policies should not be written on the basis of religious or party interests, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said here.

The Committee filed a statement with the U. S. Senate subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, which is receiving testimony to determine public opinion in this field.

Religious groups submitted statements upon invitation of the committee. The statement of the Baptist organization, approved by its executive committee, and by the relief agency of the Baptist World Alliance, said further:

1. There is apparently a need to revise the immigration quota system to give Oriental countries equal status with the western family of nations;

2. "We do not view adjustments in the United States immigration policy as being the solution to the population pressures that now exist in some parts of the world;"

3. "We do not favor unrestricted immigration, but we do favor active assistance to foreign governments in programs of technical assistance, education, loans, and welfare;"

4. The Committee hopes that future immigration legislation can establish a pattern for aid to persons victimized by disaster, oppression, or war. "Special legislation seems to be an unsatisfactory manner of handling emergency needs."

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Tabulation of religious preferences at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, shows that only 326 students, representing 3.6 per cent of the enrolment, have no church preference. This figure has declined annually since 1937, when it was 14 per cent. Baptist preference led this year with 1,537, followed by Catholic with 1,079.

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# Sunday School Lesson

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For January 22.

## PARABLES ON DISCIPLESHIP

Bible Text: Luke 14.

### I. THE VICTIM OF THE DROPSY

Luke 14: 1-6. We have here a miracle of healing. This miracle was performed on the Sabbath because the Lord regarded the case of this poor man as one that ought not be made to wait. Of course the Pharisees present objected to this action upon the part of our Lord because according to their interpretation of the law this was a violation of the Sabbath. The love in the heart of the Lord led Him to violate the letter of the law in order that he might obey the spirit of the law.

### II. THE VALUE OF HUMILITY

Luke 14: 7-11. Our Lord may have had in mind some wedding feast which He had attended. The course which He prescribes in this parable is that which is followed even today. The hostess at a formal dinner seats her guests in a particular order, the guest of honor at her immediate right. The direction given here by the Lord is that of a humble spirit in a situation which may result in honor conferred upon the guest by the master or mistress of the feast. It is a severe criticism of the self-assertive spirit.

It is a warning to the preacher who should say, "My! But the sermon I gave them this morning was a daisy." This warning has application in every department of life, as the singer who should say on Sunday morning, "The solo I am singing this morning will knock'm dead." Let any person actuated by that feeling take heed that, "He that exalteth himself shall be humbled."

### III. WHAT CLASS OF PEOPLE SHALL I INVITE TO SUPPER?

Luke 7: 12-14. It is probable that our Lord was aware that the Pharisees present at this period were always ready to exalt themselves, to take the chief seats at the banquet table. Here He pursues the train

of his thought still further in entertaining others. Men are not to think primarily of an entertainment in return. If one confers a favor with the expectation of receiving a greater favor or serves a banquet to his friends with the hope of attending many banquets of an equally splendid character in return, he does so in violation of the spirit here commended. Our Lord is pleading here that people shall do good to those who are in need and with no expectation of material return and He assures them that they shall be recompensed, "In the resurrection of the just," Romans 4.

### IV. THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

Luke 14: 16-24.

1. God's Provision for the Hebrew Nation. Across the centuries He had sent them prophets to apprise them on the coming of the Messiah and the institution of the reign of righteousness. At last came the fullness of time and God sent John the Baptist to say to them, "All things are ready, come ye to the feast." And then the Lord of the feast appeared and His word is, "Come unto me."

2. The Jewish Scorn of the Invitation. They gave excuses for refusing the gracious invitation and the leaders in this refusal were the leaders of the nation.

3. The Recourse of the Lord. He sent His invitation to publicans and sinners and then, to the people beyond the bounds of the Hebrew nation.

4. The Fate of the Nation. Paul says of the Jewish nation that they were as an olive tree from which the Lord plucked one of its branches (the plucked-off branch being the Hebrew nation) and in the place of the plucked-off branch he grafted the Gentiles of every race.

Now let us look at the teachings of this parable as it affects individuals in particular:

1. God Knows Man in the Provisions of the Gospel. Here is pictured a great feast in which food and drink are served in the form of the Bread of Life and the Water of Life, which becomes in everyone who drinks it a fountain of living water.

2. God's Gracious Invitation to This Gospel Feast. Those invited include all tongues and

tribes and races of people. Simply no one is left out. The earnestness of the invitation is the same to the humble as to the crowd, to the poor as to the rich, to the simple-minded as to the wise.

3. Men Reject the Invitation On Account of Excuses, Never for Valid Reasons. One man in the parable pleads the purchase of land which he must go and inspect; another declares that he has bought some oxen and that he must try them out to see whether he has made a bargain; the third pleads the impossibility of his attending, because, forsooth, he has married a wife. Under these three forms of excuses may be classified all the excuses that men give for neglecting the Gospel invitation.

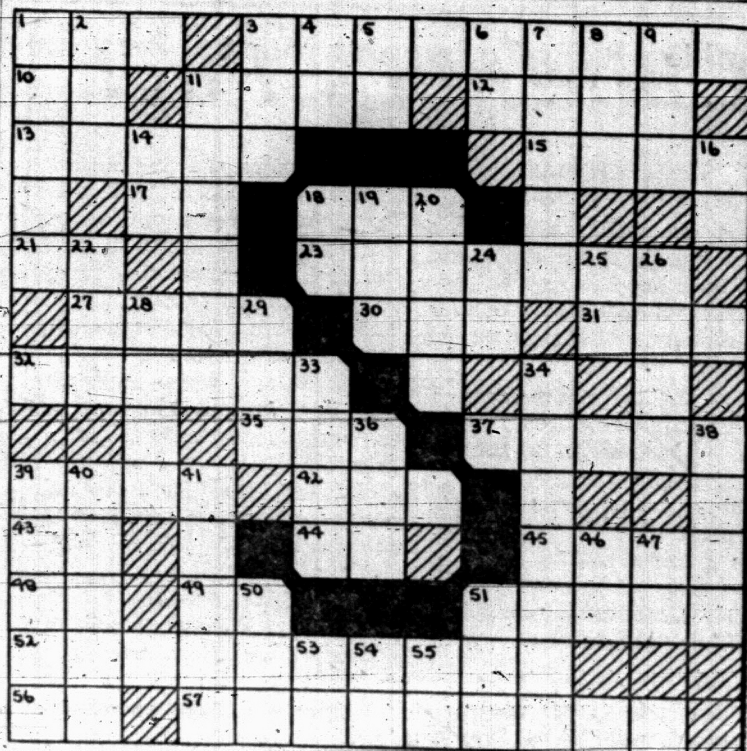
4. The Duty of the Servants Sent to Bear the Invitation.

First, into the streets and lanes of the city, upon the broad avenues and in the slums, along the highways outside the city, and the hedges with the footpaths beside them, in hovel, and mart, and palace, were cross the crowded ways of man and back on the lonely heath, these messengers are to carry the invitation. And by every effective means to "Compel them to come in." No Christian missionary dare, after neglecting to press this invitation to the utmost extent of his ability, to face the Lord in Judgment. To be guilty of negligence in striving to lead the lost to the Lord is to incur the crime of blood-guiltiness.

5. The Awful Fate of Those Who Finally Reject. "For I say unto you, that none of those men that were bidden shall taste of my supper." Great old Doctor M. O. Patterson, for many years Bible teacher at Mississippi College, had a striking sermon on, "The Dark Line In The Face Of God". In this sermon he taught, as only Mike Patterson could, the awful truth couched in the words just quoted. There comes a time in the progressive downward progress of the individual soul when he has passed Redemption Point, stern, unrelenting, everlasting. We are inclined to gloss over this terrifying truth and to seek to detract somewhat from the final fate of the impenitent.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Garner, Ann Garner, Doddsville; Rev. H. H. Ward, Kosciusko; Rev. H. J. McCool, Gloster; Edgar Harris, Quitman; Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; O. U. Rushing, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Walker, Ellisville; Mrs. J. B. Carter, Ellisville; Rev. Troy B. Land, Clinton; James D. Duck, Clinton; Rev. Everett Martin, Clinton.



### THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10  
ACROSS

- 1 "with . . . thy heart, and with . . . thy soul" :27
- 3 "And who is my . . ." :29
- 10 Myself
- 11 "Thou shalt . . . the Lord thy God" :27
- 12 "man went . . . from Jerusalem to Jericho" :30
- 13 "he passed by on the . . . side" :31
- 15 A single thing
- 17 English Version (abbr.)
- 18 "and brought him to an . . ." :34
- 21 " . . . and do thou likewise" :37
- 23 "and . . . him, and departed" :30
- 27 Singing voice
- 30 Compass point
- 34 "and 8 down" and . . . him on his . . . beast" :34
- 32 "there came down a certain . . ." :31
- 35 Bohemia (abbr.)
- 37 Cords for binding things together
- 39 Come together
- 42 "pouring in . . . and wine" :34

### Merigold Church Ordains Deacon

On January 8 Paul Brosnell was ordained as a deacon of Merigold Church. Lewis Meyers, layman at Skene Church, was the guest speaker. The oldest deacons, Steve Johnston and J. C. Hallman, had special parts on the program. Other deacons participating were: C. M. Clark, W. G. Sanders, Billy Wade, F. Manning, George Wise, Gilbert Wood, H. C. Burrus, Billy Cochran, T. U. McGarrah.

Since Pastor D. E. McQuillis' coming to the church last September there has been a 30 per cent increase in attendance in Sunday School and Training Union; more than half the church debt has been paid off; and there have been 16 additions.

Merigold is a Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Church.

- 43 Half an em
- 44 Kilometer (abbr.)
- 45 "with all thy strength, and with all thy . . ." :27
- 48 Road (abbr.)
- 49 Bachelor of Arts (abbr.)
- 51 "he took out two . . ." :35
- 52 "he had . . . on him" :33
- 56 Year (abbr.)
- 57 "But a certain . . . as he journeyed" :33

### DOWN

- 1 "and fell . . . thieves" :30
- 2 Permit
- 3 And not
- 4 Same as 17 across
- 5 Indian Empire (abbr.)
- 6 Head (abbr.)
- 7 "and . . . up his wounds" :34
- 8 See 31 across
- 9 Combining form meaning one
- 11 "And likewise a . . ." :32
- 14 "on the morrow when . . . departed" :35
- 16 "what shall I do . . . inherit eternal life" :25
- 18 Isle of Wight (abbr.)
- 19 "Which . . . of these three" :36
- 20 Women who live in a convent
- 22 Rowing implement
- 24 North Wales (abbr.)
- 25 Plural ending of some nouns
- 26 "leaving him half . . ." :30
- 28 "this do, and thou shalt . . ." :28
- 29 Order of St. Benedict (abbr.)
- 33 "and . . . care of him" :34
- 34 "which stripped him of his . . ." :30
- 36 "came and looked on . . ." :32
- 38 "passed by on the other . . ." :32
- 39 "He that shewed . . . on him" :37
- 40 City of Manasses Josh. 17:11
- 41 Snares
- 46 "What is written . . . the law" :26
- 47 South Atlantic State (abbr.)
- 50 Calf's call
- 51 Hawaiian food
- 53 State Militia (abbr.)
- 54 Western Continent (abbr.)
- 55 A Benjamite I Chron. 7:12



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## Making Plans To Improve Musical Program McLoughlin Says



Dr. Roy O. McClain, (right) Atlanta, Ga., 1956 preacher for Southern Baptists' weekly radio program, the Baptist Hour, discusses plans for music on the program with R. Paul Green, Baptist Hour choir director. Closer coordination of messages and music than ever before is anticipated this year. Theme of the first 13-week Baptist Hour series is "What It Means To Be A Christian." Dr. McClain has been named speaker through September, 1956, on the program.

A few of the writers were giving Billy Graham "the business" at a press conference in Mannheim, a German city reported by authorities to have the strongest concentration of Communists outside the Iron Curtain. One reporter asked: "What do you know about the suffering of Christ that you preach about so often? You have never suffered. You live well and have the comforts of life." And Billy answered: "When a Western Union messenger boy delivers a death message to a home he doesn't take part in all the suffering connected with the message. He just delivers the telegram. That's all I am — God's messenger boy. I don't ask that people look up to Billy Graham. I ask them to respect Jesus Christ. I didn't die on a cross. Neither did you. But Christ did. He suffered and died for your sins. I hope you will be at the meeting tonight." From Billy Graham: A Mission Accomplished, By George Burnham (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

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## Catholicism Condemns Separation Of Church And State

By EMMETT McLOUGHLIN

Editor's Note: Emmett McLoughlin, former priest in St. Mary's Catholic church, Phoenix, Arizona, is now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix. He is author of the book, "People's Parade," available at the Baptist Book Store.

The founders of America, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Hancock, Hamilton, seem to have been almost inspired by God in their wisdom. They were also careful students of European history. Too often they had seen priesthood throughout the centuries drag countries into destroying wars by using the state as their avenging arms. Too often, too, had they seen emperors and kings buy off popes, or intimidate patriarchs and by the state control of religion prostitute God into politics.

They wanted none of it. They were afraid that in their first enthusiastic expressions of liberty there might be loopholes. They plugged them with the first words of the Bill of Rights, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." In other words — complete separation of church and state.

Ours is the first nation in the history of civilization to solve the problem and cut the Gordian knot by pushing the adversaries apart and by forcing them to stay apart.

But the American solution does not satisfy the Roman Catholic Church. Its officials realize that so long as complete separation of church and state exists it cannot control America. And it wants to control America. Therefore, it condemns the American separation of church and state.

Pope Gregory XVI took cognizance of this new American doctrine and formally condemned it in 1832.

Pope Pius IX in 1864 condemned as Item 55 among the "errors" of society the principle "that the church should be separate from the state and the state from the church."

This rejection of the First Amendment of the American Constitution was repeated by

Pope Leo XIII in 1885, and Pope Pius X in 1906 it was characterized as a "Violation of justice... and offense against the dignity of the Holy See and the person of the Pope." (Encyclical "Vehementer Noe" February 11, 1906)

### First, Minter City Elects 4 Deacons

On Sunday, January 15, First Church, Minter City, ordained four deacons: S. T. Gardner; James R. O'Neal; H. A. Davis; E. B. Smith, Sr. The ordination service marked a milestone in the life of this comparatively new church, because these are the first deacons to be elected.

Recently the entire auditorium and choir were equipped with American folding chairs. Rev. F. L. Coker is pastor.

### Baptist Memorial Hospital To Open \$8,250,000 Building

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)

With the opening of a new, \$8,250,000 building recently, Baptist Memorial Hospital here becomes the largest Baptist hospital in the world, Hospital Administrator F. S. Groner declared.

The hospital, he added, also is the largest non-governmental one in the South. Its total plant is estimated to be worth \$14,150,000.

The new Madison East Building which has just been opened will about double the size of the hospital, according to Groner.

The hospital management also announced a reduction in hospital rates. The administrator reported that the cost of a room will be 54 cents a day less, due to the efficiency of the new building.

The formal opening will be the week of Feb. 12 during which the public may tour the new Madison East Building.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday will be February 5. It will be a day of thanksgiving for the mercies of the past, for the opportunities lying ahead, and for the never-failing promises of God, and is to be observed in Baptist churches around the world.

Southern Baptists had the three largest seminaries in the world as of November 1, 1954. They are Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; and New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., chief United States delegate to the United Nations, has proposed that United Nations General Assembly meetings open with audible prayers which would replace the moment of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation which is now observed. He gave as his reason: "I do so in the conviction that we cannot make the United Nations into a successful instrument of God's peace without God's help — and that with His help we cannot fail."

Fifty per cent of the children of the world are not receiving a school education, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The United States leads the world in enrollment in institutions of higher education and has an enrollment of 1,783 for each 100,000 inhabitants. Alaska ranks second with 932 for each 100,000 and Switzerland, third, with 899 for each 100,000.

Attractively illustrated with black and white sketches, ADVENTURE IN CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP is written by R. C. Rein and published by the Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis 18, Missouri. The price is \$1. "Stewards who serve God primarily from a sense of duty are at best second-rate stewards. Those who serve God out of love and gratitude for their redemption in Christ Jesus are truly Christian stewards." This book is written in plain, winsome language and contains some very practical suggestions. Different topics include the stewardship of life, of the body and mind, of time, of talents, of treasure, of the gospel stewardship education and stewardship rewards. Order this invaluable little booklet from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

Harold E. Fey, a Disciple, became editor of the Christian Century, a leading interdenominational journal, on January 1. He succeeded Paul Hutchinson, editor since 1947, who is retiring.

### Puzzle Answers

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## MISSION COUNCIL ELECTS L. O. GRIFFITH PRESIDENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—The Missionary Education Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, has elected L. O. Griffith, Atlanta, director of promotion for the Home Mission Board; president for 1956.

Griffith, formerly vice-president, succeeds Mrs. William McMurry, Birmingham, secretary of the department of missionary fundamentals, Woman's Missionary Union.

Fon Scofield, Richmond, Va., in charge of visual education for the Foreign Mission Board, becomes vice-president. Miss Elizabeth Menshaw, also of Richmond and the Foreign Mission Board, has been re-elected secretary.

The council, a voluntary cooperative organization of Southern Baptist agencies for

promoting missionary education, chose Birmingham as site for its 1957 session. It will meet there Jan. 3-5.

—BR—  
A pastor in Daytona Beach, Florida, had a good idea. In a recent bulletin he ran a check list; across the top are the words, "I cannot attend church services because:" And then... "Please check". Following are some reasons that a person can check: "Too busy. Must go to the movies. Pleasure trip. Company. Have to go fishing. Disinterestedness. Radio and TV program. Need to rest." And then there is this instruction across the bottom: "Please tear off and mail to God." Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., in *What's It All About?* (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

## 50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

Rev. Jessie L. Boyd, Sr.

50 Years Ago

The First Church, Jackson, closed the year 1905 with "clean tables"; that is, with all obligations paid and "as a token of his ability and faithfulness" raised the salary of Pastor W. F. Yarbrough to \$1800 for the coming year.

40 Years Ago

The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School departments having disappeared from the columns of the Baptist Record for some months, reappeared at the beginning of 1906 combined under the leadership of W. E. Holcomb of Quitman.

25 Years Ago

The President of Millsaps College announces that "hereafter students who make a grade of 90 and above will be charged only \$75 tuition. The regular tuition is \$100. Those who fall below 75 will be charged \$125."

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Pickens Church in regular business session voted to commend to the Woman's Missionary Societies of the state the recently published *History of the Baptists in Mississippi* by J. L. Boyd as a "splendid book for study, as it contains a full and complete account of the Woman's Work in the state, from the earliest times to the present." Mrs. J. H. Willis, president, Miss Una Montgomery, Chm. Com.

## Washington Churchgoers To Get Free Parking

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—Parking lot operators in downtown Washington announced they will provide free parking for churchgoers each Sunday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To obtain free parking space, a motorist has only to show the parking lot attendant a copy of the weekly bulletin or program given to him at the church he attended.

L. B. Doggett, Jr., president of the National Parking Association, said similar plans were being considered in other cities. (Mississippi parking lot operators could get a hint from the above editor.)

—BR—

Anyone in the market for bush blackberry plants would do well to communicate with S. Morgan of Paden, Mississippi. He handles the everbearing bush blackberry plants which are reported to be delicious as well as prolific.

## Baptist Student Union

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## SEMINAR LEADERS



Prof. Steely Rev. Triplett Dr. Lowrey Miss Polley

Pictured above are four leaders from Blue Mountain who are to appear on the program of the Eighth Annual Mississippi Seminar for BSU Directors and Other Workers, to be held at Blue Mountain College, January 25-27. They are, left to right top row: Prof. Will Frank Steely, Professor of Social Science; Pastor Joseph N. Triplett, of Lowrey Memorial Church; second row: Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, President and Miss Imogene Polley, BSU Director.

### Miscellaneous

Holmes Jr. BSUs gave \$25 through the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, had student Eldridge Fleming, of Southwest Jr., to tell them of his mission work last summer.

Perkinson Jr. reports 94 unsaved students; Co-Lin, 24. The latter also reports \$11.28 for Lottie Moon Offering.

Student Retreat at Ridgecrest (June 7-13) is a long way off, but start saving your pennies. Registration is \$2.50 per person. We've asked for 200 spaces. Let's fill 'em.

First Church, Brookhaven, had Student Night with their Chapel Choir in a program entitled "A Promise Fulfilled." Many students used. Best we've seen.

We're happy to know that Miss Louise Girling, Miss College grad, is back with the Baptist Student Magazine.

MSCW reports a Sunday School average of 95; Training Union, 73; Y. W. A., 41; Tuesday, 70; Twilight, 9. More than 175 attended the Christmas Party. Lottie Moon offering amounted to \$167.17.

Edna Earle Patridge, Holmes Jr. student, has written a very fine skit on Christmas giving.

Focus Days at Miss. Southern, Hinds Jr., Southwest Jr. are March 19-22; Retreat for Officers, Jones Jr., April 13-15; Convention (and this is new), Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, Nov. 30-Dec. 2. Add, also, tentative date for Youth-led Revival Clinic, March 12.

Construction has started on Starkville First's new educational unit which will take care of 250 students.

We've made a mistake (not our first) on suggested date for Dedicated Vocations Week. It's Feb. 5-12. Summer Service En-

listment Week was Jan. 8-15.

John Goodwin of Miss. College is first of, we hope, many to volunteer for Student Summer Missions work supported by Miss. BSUs.

Recruits for Christ, Foreign Mission Board film, has been shown at Baptist Bldg., E. Central Jr., Delta State, Jones Jr., Miss. State, Co-Lin Jr., Wesson Church, Ridgecrest Church (Jackson), Holmes Jr., Belhaven, Southwest Jr.; is to be shown at William Carey, E. Miss. Jr., Sunflower Jr., et al.

Just a few days left to apply directly to Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., for summer mission work. Deadline is Feb. 1.

This coming Sun., the 22nd, is Amer. Bible Society Offering day. Give as generously as possible to the spread of God's Word.

Lately we've visited with BSU Director Lenno Powell at Holmes Jr., and in the Focus Week at Miss. College. Blessed by both.

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that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." Either we must believe such a claim, or we must take the Bible to be a completely false record.

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## FELLOWSHIP IN DIVERSITY

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The way a person believes about the millennium determines whether he can become a member of some denominations, including at least one Baptist group. Not so with Southern Baptists. The writer of this article, a well-known Southern Baptist minister and educator, says why he believes Southern Baptists should not make the millennium question a test of fellowship.

To aid you in understanding the article, the Baptist Press offers these definitions of terms used frequently in discussing the millennium, a period of 1000 years mentioned in Revelation 20.

A pre-millennialist generally believes the 1000-year period will occur immediately after Christ's second coming to earth, with the world growing worse and worse up to that return. The millennium will be a time of worldwide peace and prosperity followed by Armageddon and the judgment.

A post-millennialist generally believes the 1000-year period of peace and prosperity precedes the second coming of Christ to earth.

An a-millennialist generally believes that the Bible nowhere presents the idea of a 1000-year period of peace and righteousness on earth, and whether Christ comes before or after this period is not debatable, therefore.

By W. R. WHITE

President, Baylor University

I have known the life of Texas Baptists and Southern Baptists for some 50 years. I was reading the Baptist Standard when I was 12 years of age. I have witnessed unnecessary splits and have observed also great unity in diversity.

I remember when Dr. B. H. Carroll had A. C. Dixon, Baptist minister who held pulpits in Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago, and London, and W. B. Riley in Bible conferences. I recall when Dr. L. R. Scarborough had Dr.

J. C. Massey and Dr. R. A. Torrey address the students of Add Fellowship in Diversity Southwestern Seminary. I recall great Bible conferences over the South with great expositors with differing points of view on the millennium.

Some are pushing the question of the millennium to divisive extremes. With the revival of an old theory known as "amillennialism," there has arisen in some quarters a crusading spirit which manifests itself in berating all millennialists. There are some "Pres" who sharply question everybody's orthodoxy who does not agree with their detailed blueprints of things to come. It is not fair to put all "A's" or all "Pres" in these two categories. Each group is identified by its "noisy" advocates. This is neither accurate nor just.

There are two kinds of amillennialists today. One is orthodox as to the great verities such as virgin birth, sinless life, vicarious atonement, bodily resurrection, and visible, personal return of our Lord. These, however, do not accept the idea of an earthly millennium or a place for the Jews as a people in the future program of God.

There is another group of "A's" who are modernists denying some or several of the great verities. It is not Christian to confuse them. The old "Post" position is about extinct. It will revive with, apparently, better world conditions.

It is interesting to note that some of the neo-orthodox and social gospel leaders have come to accept the necessity of the return of Christ to earth. Else, they say that history has no goal and will end in defeatism. It is my conviction that unless there is the return of Christ,

and a consequent reign of righteousness, God will suffer ultimate defeat in history. His dealing with man on earth will end in a humiliating anti-climax. This I cannot accept.

I have no interest in the literal length of the millennium. Since figures in Revelation are often symbolic, they could be here. However, there must be a definite period of time for it to have reality in history. It is not only a state of society, it is an era.

Some have sought to apply too many passages to this period, but many other passages become "sweetened wind" and "lovely mirages" unless they find fulfillment in some such era. I have somehow gotten the idea that symbols are used when the idea is too big to be expressed by mere words. I never thought that figures of speech were meant to be exaggerations. I believe that God is not only going to demonstrate the superiority of this way in heaven, but in history and on this earth. I do not know about blueprint programs or exact details. I do not think

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

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Hattiesburg, Main Street	1025	457
Mission	12	
Edwards	87	40
Jackson, Alta Woods	713	302
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	198	125
Pearl (Rankin)	204	128
Jackson, Broadmoor	553	222
Jackson, West	411	194
Richland (Rankin)	230	110
Jackson, Midway	189	83
Daniel Memorial	861	372
Jackson, Highland	156	87
Clinton	742	475
Jackson, Calvary	1656	556
Main Mission	1597	520
Eastside (Rankin)	59	36
Flowood	99	53
Flowood	92	105
Jackson, Crestwood	684	396
New Albany, First	676	200
Main	628	169
North Side Mission	48	31
Pascagoula, First	871	307
Main	733	245
McArthur Chapel	40	16

anybody can be dogmatic here.

When Israel as a people rejected Christ, God over-ruled it into a blessing for the Gentiles. It was a great watershed of gospel history.

When the Gentile era runs its course, there will be a new era for the Jew and the world, in gospel history. It will be the greatest period of all.

Of course, each individual will have to accept Christ for himself. But as thousands did this on Pentecost, why cannot millions do it at some great moment in the future?

We can have fellowship in diversity. It is the very genius of the Baptist way. We cannot tolerate downright heresy, but there are some things which do not constitute a test of fellowship. About these we must not be dogmatic.

I can fellowship a man as a Baptist if he accepts all the great verities of the New Testament and believes in salvation by grace, regenerate church membership, spiritual nature, scriptural order of the ordinances, autonomy of the local church, and the priesthood of believers. Unity in diversity will be a great witness for the gospel and our distinctives.

I was the pastor of a large number of churches of all sizes and types over a period of some thirty-five years, from a country church of forty members to a city church of 5500. I never had a serious problem in any of these churches over extremists on the question of the millennium. It was always possible to utilize either their zeal or neutralize their agitation without dealing in personalities or making an issue. This may not be possible in every instance everywhere, but in most instances I believe that it is possible.



Orange Grove Chapel	98	46
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	62	53
Union, Sr. (Covington)	83	120
Ora (Covington)	81	72
Cleveland, Immanuel	188	139
Jackson, Ridgecrest	440	172
Columbus, First	1067	424
Main	984	373
Fairview Chapel	83	51
Clarksdale	515	174
Marks, First	269	88
Vicksburg, First	621	193
Canton		
Center Terrace	258	140
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	516	142
Lyon	170	65
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	163	60
Soso, First	181	114
Ruth	43	51
Laurel, First	612	155
Columbia, First	697	278
Main	639	282
South Columbia		
Mission	58	46
Gulfport, First	916	286
Bethlehem (Jones)	177	119
Laurel, Wildwood	245	88
Hattiesburg, Temple	602	165
Picayune, First	638	235
Murphy Creek (Winston)	152	91
Houston, First	346	184
Newton, First	461	243
Puckett (Rankin)	82	46
Wayside (Yalobusha)	47	54
Wayside, First	467	212
Providence (Lebanon)	200	82
Merton	324	110
Main	264	110
Mission	60	
Concord (Choctaw)	81	67
Durant, First	301	110
Eastside Mission	33	
Laurel, Highland	260	106
Petal-Harvey	398	167
Main	353	158
Harvey Mission	26	
Righton Road	19	9
Mountain Creek (Rankin)	59	44
Clear Branch (Rankin)	96	51
Skene	121	61
Union (Walshall)	152	114
Greenwood, Calvary	457	202
Calhoun City, First	345	146
Calvary (Alcorn)	103	54
Charleston, First	376	162
Bluff Springs (Pike)	99	56
Corinth, East	198	92
Grenada, Emmanuel	265	132
Ruleville	304	164
New Sight (Lincoln)	129	63
McComb, Friendship	182	90
Main	138	64
Mission	44	26
Starkville, First	747	335
Jackson, Southside	325	193
Longview (Oktibbeha)	81	61
Crystal Springs, First	670	251
Hernando	202	99

Brookhaven, First	922	299
Main	791	214
Southway	111	60
Halbert Heights	20	25
Brookhaven, Central	111	64
Fair River (Lincoln)	100	66
Kosciusko, First	773	235
Main	743	
Maple Mission	30	
Jackson, Northside	734	229
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Baldwyn	237	78
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	190	108
Brookhaven, Central	116	67
Petal, First	187	72
Grenada, Emmanuel	245	105
Long Beach, First	269	95
Cleveland, First	488	132
Main	465	
Chinese Mission	33	
Pleasant Hill (Desoto)	47	21
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	919	400
Providence (Labanon)	200	80
Briar Hill (Rankin)	73	62

— BR —

Bruce S. Hilbun, pastor, Calvary Church, Mobile, Alabama has written THAT YE MAY KNOW a book of sermons for Christian living, which sells at \$2.50 per copy. Here are forceful and inspiring sermons of an active minister, which in a clear and usable manner seek to "answer from the Bible some of the vital questions with which saints and sinners alike are confronted in our day." The supreme question is **How can we be saved?** The supreme task of the Christian and of the church is the winning of the lost to a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Exposition Press, Inc., 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, New York. Mr. Hilbun is a native of Laurel, a graduate of Miss. College and New Orleans Seminary, and formerly a Mississippi pastor.

## GREENVILLE, S. C. — (BP)

A contract for construction of a 250,000-volume main library on Furman University's new campus here has been let to Daniel Construction Co., of Greenville, for \$1,081,428, according to Julian H. Scarborough administrative director of the university. Preliminary construction is already underway on the new library, which will be the fourth major building on the new campus. It will be about a year before the library is completed.

THIRTY SEVEN IN THE P.M.



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Rev. Everett Denton has been called as pastor of Mt. Horeb Church, Lauderdale County. A graduate of Mississippi College, Mr. Denton was for several years pastor of Rehobeth Church in Rankin County.

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For the busy men and women of today THE GIST OF THE LESSON furnishes Sunday School teachers (and any others who wish to use it in their devotional study of the Bible) with a concise, compact commentary on the International Bible Lesson for 1956. It gives the text of each lesson and then gives a brief, "to-the-point" exposition, exactly as suggested in the title. It gives vital suggestions that will be a stimulus to the teacher to further study and reasoning. The book is originated by R. A. Torrey and edited by Ralph G. Turnbull. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the Fleming H. Revell Company, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey for only 75 cents.

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TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN MATTHEW 5-7 (Convention Press, Nashville, Tennessee) is a study course book in the Sunday School Training Course written by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman. Dr. Eddleman, a native Mississippian, received his B. A. degree from Mississippi College and attended Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, where he earned the Th. M. and Ph. D. degrees. He served from 1936 to 1941 as a foreign missionary, serving at Jerusalem, then Tel Aviv and then at Nazareth. He has been professor at New Orleans and Southern Seminaries and pastor at Parkland Church, Louisville, Kentucky. He is presently President of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky. Order TEACHINGS OF JESUS from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected a director of First American National Bank, one of Nashville's largest banks.

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Panola County Baptists are planning big things for 1956, according to Rev. Paul W. Kolb, Superintendent of Missions. The Baptist Record is in receipt of the 1956 Calendar of Activities, with each month packed with things that should mean much for Kingdom affairs in Panola County.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: W. H. Harrell; J. H. Ray, Rev. Wiley Reid, J. J. Eley, Herman Gerard, Terry; and Dorris W. Rivers, State College.

NASHVILLE, TENN. —(BSSB)—A Church Public Relations Workshop has been authorized by the Sunday School Board to be held simultaneously with the Bible Conference weeks at Glorieta (N.M.) July 12-18, and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Aug. 23-29, assemblies. The purpose of the workshop, which is the first of its kind to be projected for Southern Baptist churches, is to set forth needs, possibilities, and procedures of a good public relations program in an individual church. It will be led by H. E. Ingraham, director of the Board's Service Division. For detailed program write H. E. Ingraham, director, Service Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

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The attendance was good during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Mission at Hickory Church. The offering amounted to \$430.00, the best the church has had for such a week. Rev. A. G. Smith is the pastor.

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Does Christianity teach that all mankind will survive the experience of death? What does the New Testament mean by eternal life? Is recognition possible after death? John Sutherland Bonnell, minister of the First Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, considers these questions and others concerning immortality in HEAVEN AND HELL (Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee \$1). He reaffirms the Christian's faith in the resurrected Christ as the ground of our hope, in this life as well as the hereafter. You probably won't agree with his idea of hell and heaven but you will find it interesting. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. —(BP)—Two new \$100,000 cottages have been opened at Oklahoma Baptist Orphans Home, Oklahoma City, bringing the Home's capacity to 215 children. Funds for the two cottages were provided by two Oklahoma families. The Home now has 10 cottages and property valued at \$1½ million, including an 800-acre farm.

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The 1955 Yearbook of the American Baptist Convention shows 62,625 new members by baptism—an increase of 3,636 baptisms over 1954. Sunday school enrolment reached a high of 969,007, an increase of 25,103 over last year, and \$7,405,173 was contributed to the Unified Budget of the Convention—a gain of \$713,532 over last year.

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Rev. E. L. Lambright, one of our Mississippi men, is graduating at New Orleans Seminary on January 20 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. Some good Mississippi church should bring

## Brotherhood Department

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Officers who will have charge of the Royal Ambassador Congress at Grenada are (left to right) Larry Horn, Corinth, recorder, James Forsyth, Corinth, First Assistant Ambassador-in-chief, Wilbur Pearson, Columbus, steward, and Don Hudson, Columbus, Ambassador-in-chief.

The Royal Ambassador Congress for South Mississippi will be March 16 and 17 at Second Avenue Baptist Church in Laurel. The Congress for North Mississippi will be March 30 and 31 at First Baptist Church, Grenada.

Ambassador-in-chief, Louis McCraw, Jackson, will preside at the Congress in Laurel. Ambassador-in-chief, Don Hudson, Columbus, will preside during the Congress in Grenada.

What are these congresses? These are Regional Conventions for Royal Ambassadors.

They are Conventions with programs fitted to boys, each group nine years old and up. Counselors, pastors, and other leaders are invited and urged to attend.

Where will they stay? The boys will stay in the homes of the Baptist people of the host town. Those who desire can stay in motels and hotels.

Reservations should be sent to your State Office in Jackson, not later than March 8 for the Laurel Congress and not later than March 20 for the Congress at Grenada. A reservation fee of \$1.00 must accompany each name.

Your Brotherhood has a part. See that every boy knows about the Congress. Make certain that transportation is provided from your church. Secure adult leadership to attend the Congress along with the boys.

him back for service. He is well-prepared and we need all our fine Mississippians right in the state.

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THE TREASURY OF CHARLES H. SPURGEON has an introduction by Wilbur M. Smith. Published by Fleming H. Revell, Westwood, New Jersey, the book sells for \$2.50. Charles H. Spurgeon was a preacher of renown, whose life was dedicated to seeking out souls in need of Christ. He had a strong physical appearance, a brilliant mind, and a warm personality. In this book is a selection of Spurgeon's most powerful sermons. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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On January 8 Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson had the largest attendance in its history. There were 919 in Sunday School and 400 in Training Union. Dr. Lewis Rhodes is the pastor.

Dr. J. T. Ford, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., and Chairman of the Radio and Television Commission of the SBC, will be the speaker on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Jan. 2 at 8:30-9:00 A. M., CST. Dr. Ford's sermon is titled "Looking for God." The Baptist Hour Choir will provide the music under the direction of Paul Green, with Charles Duke assisting at the organ.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of 95th annual session of the Tishomingo County Association. It was held at the Iuka Church on October 4 and 5. The next meeting is to be with the Tishomingo and Ebenezer Churches in October, 1956. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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THE SCARLET CORD is written by Norma D. Christian.

## Chapel Organized By And For Handicapped

FORT WORTH, Tex. (RNS)—The preacher stood on crutches to deliver his sermon. The song leader led the singing while sitting in a wheelchair.

In the congregation of 34 persons was a blind man with a seeing-eye dog at his feet. Several other worshipers held crutches in their arms and there were braces on their legs.

Two able-bodied ushers carried a man to his seat before the services began.

A small girl's hands twitched constantly and her head moved back and forth involuntarily.

It was the first worship service of the Crusaders Chapel. The group's motto is "conducted by the handicapped for the handicapped."

The Rev. Carl A. Clark of Southwestern Seminary, who delivered the sermon, said it was the first such service on record.

The chapel is the idea of Ronald Ballard, a 23-year-old, 6-foot 4-inch former University of Houston basketball player. He has been paralyzed from the neck down since he was injured in an automobile accident three years ago.

The chapel is non-denominational although the project is being sponsored by Sagamore Hill Baptist church and the Tarrant Baptist Association.

son, a member of the Lutheran Church, and is published by Vantage Press, Inc. 120 W. 31 Street, New York 1, N. Y. Opening with prayer, this book presents a clear picture of the way in which God's promise to sinning man—the promise of a Messiah—runs through the Old Testament of the Bible and leads, like a "scarlet cord," into the New. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher. The price is \$3.50.

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According to a recent report from the Executive Committee of the SBC, Mississippi in December, 1955 gave \$30,382.15 to the Cooperative Program and \$3,787.57 to designated causes, making a total of \$34,169.72.

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"Twenty centuries of history are looking down upon you!"—this was the challenge of Napoleon to his soldiers drawn up before the Egyptian pyramids. When I partake of the Lord's Supper, I feel the challenge not only of Him who gave his life for me, but of the twenty centuries of Christian martyrs who are looking down upon me.

—J. H. Vincent

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The Baptist Record is in receipt of an invitation to the Open House which will be held at the First Church, Greenville, Sunday, January 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. Dr. Perry Claxton is the pastor.



## FIRST CHURCH, CALHOUN CITY TO OBSERVE GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

First Church Calhoun City, will be fifty years old February 14, 1956 and will observe 1956 as the Golden Jubilee year. Since this is the 50th Anniversary the church has adopted a budget which provides 50 per cent of undesignated funds for missions; 40 per cent will be sent through the Cooperative Program and 10 per cent for local and associational Missions.

Forty dollars supports the entire Southern Baptist Program of Education, Benevolence and Missions for one minute; this equals \$2400 per hour. This church will give at least \$14,400 to missions this year which means it will carry the entire program for at least six hours. To emphasize this fact and to further celebrate the Golden Jubilee a series of six services has been planned for the year.

On January 29, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptists, will speak on the subject, "The First Hour—Hours That Bless Through State Missions"; on April 1, Dr. D. M. Nelson, President of Mississippi College, will

speak on the subject, "The Second Hour—Hours That Bless Through Christian Colleges"; on June 10, W. G. Mize, Supt. of the Baptist Children's Home at Jackson, will speak on the subject, "The Third Hour—

Hours That Bless Through Works of Benevolence"; Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, Professor in the Old Testament Department at New Orleans Seminary, will discuss on July 8, "The Fourth Hour—Hours That Bless Through Theological Seminaries"; "The Fifth Hour—Hours That Bless Through Home Missions", will be the subject of Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, on September 9; and on November 11, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will be present to speak on "The Sixth Hour—Hours That Bless Through Foreign Missions."

This is also the Sabbatical year of the present pastorate. Rev. C. H. Cutrell became the pastor of the church on December 17, 1949. He moved to this church from Eudora, Arkansas.

## First, New Albany Ordains Minister



Rev. W. L. Heard, Jr.

Rev. William Lee Heard, Jr. was recently ordained to the Gospel Ministry by his home church, First Church, New Albany.

The ordaining council was composed of Dr. J. P. Kirkland, Sr., Dr. J. William Harbin, Dr. Frank M. Purser, Dr. David E. Guyton, Rev. David V. Smitherman, Rev. Maurice Clayton, Carl Shands, A. M. Donnell, and the deacons of the First Church. Dr. Kirkland served as the moderator, Dr. Harbin as examiner, and Rev. Maurice Clayton as clerk.

The report of the ordaining council was given by the Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Kirkland, and the ordination sermon was delivered by the pastor, Dr. Harbin. Guy Houston, chairman of the deacons, led the ordination prayer, and the deacons of the church, along with others, participated in the laying on of hands. Rev. Paul Kirkland gave the charge to the candidate, and W. L. Heard, Sr., father of the candidate and a deacon in the church, made the presentation of the Bible. Mr. Heard led the closing prayer.

Bill's parents are most active in the First Church. He is married to the former Carolyn Cooper Greer of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The young minister is a graduate of the New High School and will (from the University of Mississippi this month. He is pastor of churches in Tulsa and Longtown, and plans to enter the new Orleans Seminary this fall.

ing a little time out to write a few of my thoughts to you.

"Do you realize it has been four years since we had our happy wedding? I used to say I wanted to marry a farmer and you didn't discourage me. Then I did marry one, and you were glad for us as we started out to build a life together.

"Now, Ralph and I and our little one are happy and contented here on our farm. We have our worries about crops

and livestock and drought. But they are small compared to our pleasures from living where we can let the weather be our guide, and where we can have ground in which to put our crops, and livestock to roam over the hill.

"The work from dawn till dusk is the work we have chosen. We are glad we can mingle our pleasures and our work. We picnic in our own timber, count our own calves in the spring, ride our own horses, and bring our own vegetables and fruits of the field in at harvest time. There is a oneness to all our living.

"Our working at the far corner of the farm, combining grain late on a summer's night, is as much an important part of our living as our making garden or entertaining guests at a birthday party. We live our lives together as a family. We are one in purpose.

"For this we are thankful to you, Mom and Dad. You showed us it could be a good way to live when others around you sold out to depression prices. In those days I dreaded hoeing the potatoes. I shunned flicking the bugs off them into buckets until you lightened our duty with a story of "That Certain Potato" and "The Four Brothers".

"I didn't like to dust and scrub until I saw the fun it was having friends come and be with us in our home visiting. Nor would I have relished the long, hot hours making hay if I had not seen the bird nests in the fence row and the cloud pattern in the west. These things you showed me on a farm taught me it was a worthwhile place to live and remain the rest of my life.

"We never seemed to make much of 'boughten' entertainment; nor do Ralph and I yet. We never seemed to worry whether we had the latest, complete wardrobe; nor do Ralph and I yet. We never seemed to miss the church events in the community; nor do Ralph and I yet. We never seemed to complain about clubs, committees, and neighbors' faults; nor do Ralph and I yet. We never seemed to be too busy for living right there on the home farm; and Ralph and I strive to keep it that way yet.

"Don't you see? I may seem sentimental about the foundations of our youth, but what you have shown us is what we are striving to build into our own farm family as the better part.

"We face rearing a family, and we wonder if we can do it as well as you did. We want our children to see and love the things that make farm living the life for us.

"We can't comprehend the evils in the world these days; but we believe we can understand how to keep our faith

## Tract Ministers To Unserved

"I have something I want to tell you!"

"Yes, and what is that?"

"I met God here last night in a real way, and now I have peace in my heart that I never had before."

This conversation took place recently between a patient and a chaplain in a Southern Baptist hospital.

The patient told her story. She had come to the hospital worried and fearful. Her spiritual life was zero. As she walked to and fro in the hospital hall a tract display caught her eye. She picked up a copy of "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" by the late Dr. R. C. Campbell. One paragraph in the Baptist Sunday School Board tract struck home. It told of a visiting preacher during a revival meeting who has asked an unsaved lady, "When do you want Jesus to save you? When will you make your surrender to him and let him save you?" The answer, after sober reflection, had come: "Why, right now I surrender to him!"

The Holy Spirit used a little tract to lead this patient to make the same decision as the lady in the story. In the quietness of the night in the Baptist Hospital she gave her life to the Lord. She had met God and found peace in a real way through her experience. The hospital and a tract had helped bring a needy soul in contact with God.

The Sunday School Board will make free tract grants in reasonable quantities to churches and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Send application for tracts to the Tract Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

**PUZZLE FUN WITH BIBLE CLUES** by W. P. Keasbey (W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, Mass., \$95) "provides a treasure trove of helpful and inspiring Scriptural passages". In working out each puzzle, the solver discovers a Bible quotation or Golden Text especially chosen for its words of counsel, comfort or praise. Every word of both problem and solution is from the Bible (The King James Version). Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

simple and active enough to be our guide. And maybe if we keep on living the best every day on our farm, our children may some day see why we chose farming, too, as the vocation where we could be nearest to the good and Godly.

"I guess I've never said anything like this to you before. It's easier to write it. We feel it, though, so why not tell you? Thank you, Mom and Dad."

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## Spiritual Values In Rural Living

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For generations, young people have been leaving the farm. Many rural church leaders have discussed the problem of how to keep young people on the farm and in the church.

For a long time, we have been feeling that there is a peculiar spiritual value involved in living in the country. This is an intangible matter, but nonetheless real.

Whereas urban people mostly work with tools and machinery of industry and business, rural people more predominantly work with living and growing things. Much of their time is spent waiting for the crops and the cattle to grow. This is dealing with life. We know it develops patience on the part of rural man, but we believe it also is conducive to further spiritual development.

The rural family is more dependent upon the things that God controls directly, such as rain, drought, etc.

Rural people are in the habit of living according to the rhythm of the seasons and in harmony with nature, rather than with the time clock.

This is not to say that rural

people are more religious than city people. It does seem, however, that there are some definite spiritual advantages involved in rural living.

For one, rural families have always been larger than city families.

Another advantage seems to be the nearness of the spiritual and the natural. Industrial occupations are so widely divorced from the home and worship that it is entirely secularized and becomes too often mere drudgery, from which one longs to escape. Wherever worship and daily life and work are more closely related, there is less danger of extreme secularization.

Environmental circumstances of rural people can be made more conducive to worship and devotion.

The best example of this we have seen recently is the "open letter to the folks," which we quote here from the "Rural Lutheran" magazine. We suspect it expresses the sentiments of a vast multitude who have grown up on the farm.

### "THANKS FOR A HAPPY FARM LIFE"

By Delight Bobilyea Wier

"Dear folks,  
"The farm is beautiful these days. A breeze blows in our two-year old Rebecca's hair as she plays in the yard. The vase on the desk holds flowers from our own timber land. I am tak-